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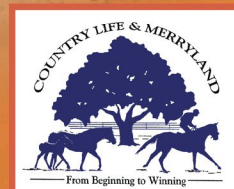
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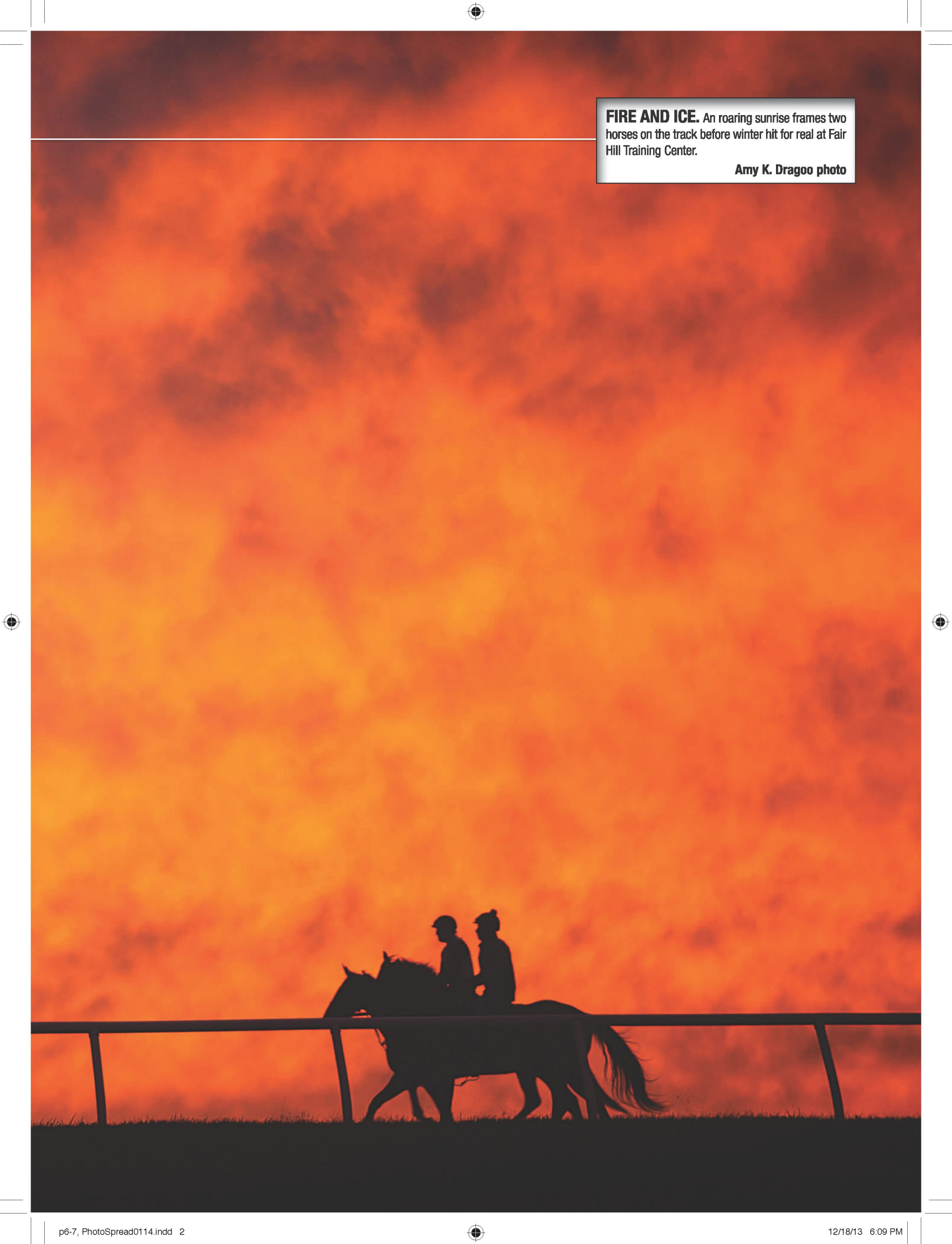
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POST TIME





FIRE AND ICE. An roaring sunrise frames two horses on the track before winter hit for real at Fair Hill Training Center.

Amy K. Dragoo photo

MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

SAY IT AGAIN

“Let’s try to go 2-for-2.”

Fasig-Tipton’s Dan Pride, after getting a hit with a phone bidder

“Oh, I’m in? Why am I in?”

Frustrated bidder at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic’s December sale

“Talk to her, because I’m busy and won’t know what I’m saying.”

Consignor/buyer Bill Reightler, introducing client Angie Moore to a reporter, at the December sale

“I guess he believes in Santa.”

Fasig-Tipton’s Pride, upon hearing that co-worker Boyd Browning has four Christmas trees

“How true could it be?”

Owner/breeder Bob Manfuso, about his Big Bad Bob hat (BBB the horse is a stallion in Ireland)

“Whatta ya say, Stu, 92?”

Fasig-Tipton auctioneer Steve Dance, coaxing one more bid (and rhyming) out of buyer Stuart Morris

“It made you think nobody was going to show up and you bump into the same people here as everywhere else.”

Buyer Terry Gabriel on the wintry weather at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic’s December sale

“I was dying laughing when they announced that we should pick up our mats because they had to plow. I don’t think I’ve ever been at a horse sale where they had to plow snow.”

Consignor Meg Levy, on the wintry weather at the sale

“We had one February sale years ago where we had snowbanks on each side of the road up against the barns. You couldn’t get a parking space.”

Consignor Bill Reightler, on the wintry weather at the sale

“The first farm that gets a legitimate \$10,000 stallion here is going to do really well.”

Reightler on the future of Maryland’s breeding industry



The new logo for Pimlico Race Course’s Black-Eyed Susan Day was unveiled in December. The event will also have a new charity partner in Empowerment 360, a year-round fundraising concept to support women through mentoring workshops.

GO FIGURE

6,000: Pies (pumpkin and apple) given away by the Maryland Jockey Club on Thanksgiving Day at Laurel Park, the 26th year of the tradition started by the De Francis family.

100: Winning percentage (of starters) for West Virginia freshman stallion Mikimoto’s Mojo in 2013. Though November, he’d sired two winners from as many runners.

3: Horses from Maryland that shipped north to Woodbine for the Valedictory Stakes Dec. 15. Address Unknown (GB) and Fair Hill-based Eagle Poise and Tricky Hat (Chi) rode in the same van for the closing-day feature with Eagle Poise checking in second in the Grade 3.

11:15.08: Time in hours, minutes and seconds of trainer Tim Keefe in the Ironman Cozumel triathlon in Mexico Dec. 1.

10.6: Average field size for the 129 turf races run at Laurel Park’s fall meet. Turf racing ended the first week of December.

2.82: Percent purse increase National Steeplechase Association races from 2012 to 2013. Total purses of more than \$4.7 million were paid.

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MILESTONES



Increased: To 25 percent of purse earnings, Delaware Certified Thoroughbred Program bonuses for owners and certifiers. The new figures go into effect at Delaware Park's 2014 racing season . . . To \$1.5 million, the purse of the 2014 Preakness Stakes-G1 at Pimlico Race Course. The race will be run Saturday, May 17 as the second leg of the Triple Crown.

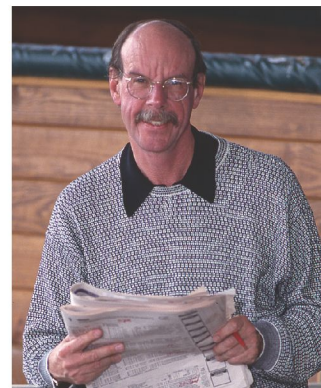


Resigned: From his position as director of racing operations at Penn National, Dan Silver. He returns to the New York Racing Association to be director of television and interactive platforms.

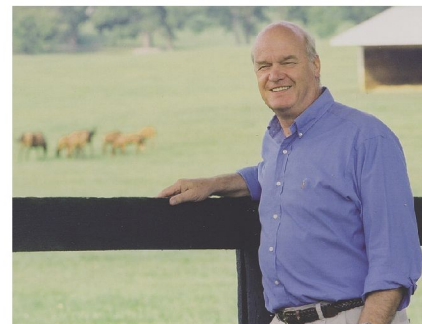
Reached: 2,000 career wins as a trainer, Jamie Ness when Caylee's Song won at Laurel Park Nov. 28.



Named: To the Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, *Washington Post* racing writer Andrew Beyer. He has written about racing for the *Post* since 1978 and is part of the 2013 class along with Kent Hollingsworth (former editor of *The Blood-Horse*) and George F.T. Ryall (who wrote for *The New Yorker* magazine as Audax Minor).



Retired: From his position as Audley Farm general manager, Dr. Jens von Lepel. Under his 16-year watch at Audley, the farm raised millionaires Bodemeister, Mandy's Gold and was twice named Virginia Breeder of the Year.



Died: Two-time Delaware Handicap-G1 winner Nastique. She was 29. Nastique won Delaware Park's signature race in 1988 and 1989. As a broodmare, she produced seven winners including Japanese Group 1 winner Nobo True (an earner of \$5,854,142) and Grade 3 winner Thunder Kitten.

MAKING THE GRADE—2014 GRADED STAKES IN THE REGION

The Charles Town Oaks is one of three stakes elevated to graded status for 2014 by the American Graded Stakes Committee, which announced the changes in early December.

The committee reviewed 713 unrestricted U.S. stakes races with a purse of at least \$75,000, and assigned graded status to 455, two fewer than in 2013. The \$400,000 Charles Town Oaks, inaugurated in 2009 and won last September by So Many Ways, is now Grade 3, and one of 46 graded races at regional tracks.

Offsetting the addition was the loss of grade for Monmouth Park's historic Sapling Stakes, which was run for the 79th time in 2013. One of the first juvenile races in the nation to be designated Grade 1 in 1976, it had been downgraded to Grade 2 in 1984 and Grade 3 in 1997.

Mid-Atlantic tracks card five Grade 1 stakes in 2014: the Delaware Handicap (Delaware Park), Haskell Invitational and United Nations (Monmouth Park), Cotillion (Parx Racing) and Preakness (Pimlico).

Track	G1	G2	G3
Charles Town	0	1	1
Colonial Downs	0	2	2
Delaware Park	1	1	3
Laurel Park	0	1	1
Monmouth Park	2	3	12
Parx Racing	1	1	6
Pimlico	1	2	4
Presque Isle Downs	0	1	0

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NAMES OF THE MONTH

Do a Legger. The phrase is Irish slang for leaving swiftly from a sticky situation. The 4-year-old gelding, a winner at Parx in October for Hibernia Farm and trainer Ned Allard, is by Run Away and Hide out of Long March.

Save This Dance. The 4-year-old filly, bred in Pennsylvania by Gum Tree Stables and owned and trained by Michele Sanger, is by Dance With Ravens out of Layaway Plan.

Winnie Bay Go. Say it fast. The 4-year-old filly is by Sightseeing and finished second at Laurel in her first start for owner Dana Ingram and trainer Damon Dilodovico in December.

Maginot Line. A Charles Town runner trained by Timothy Grams, the 4-year-old filly is by First Defence out of Dijon. If you paid attention in world history class, the Maginot Line was a defensive system built by France along its border with Germany in hopes of preventing an attack.

The Racing Biz

The Independent Voice for Mid-Atlantic Racing and Breeding

The Racing Biz, a website covering Mid-Atlantic racing, launched in April 2013 and hits some of the bases *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* can't—more timely news, quicker racing coverage and other bits and pieces. The independent site, headed by Frank Vespe, can be accessed at theracingbiz.com or via a feed from midatlanticth.com. A few recent highlights:

Victor Carrasco keeps the future, and present, in focus: Nation's top apprentice rider, based in the Mid-Atlantic-region, is a frontrunner for an Eclipse. Dan Tordjman shared Carrasco's story.

Trainer Jerry Robb's juveniles go to the head of the class: Veteran Maryland trainer unleashed a trio of 2-year-old stakes winners in 2013. Ted Black took a look at their year.

Four questions for Thanksgiving day at Laurel Park: In a Thanksgiving Day Laurel Park preview, The Racing Biz raised several questions—and then provided the answers.

In Pennsylvania case, racing's rules on trial, too: Federal fraud charges against three Penn National trainers and a clocker also puts racing and its ability (or lack thereof) to police itself on trial, points out Frank Vespe. Where some in racing see garden variety foibles, Peter Murphy, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, sees fraud.

WITH DANCE TO BRISTOL AND EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH, LOOKING TO THE PAST, AND THE FUTURE

By Frank Vespe, posted Nov. 19 in *Breaking, Features, Maryland*. Printed in part.

There was a moment, during the retirement ceremony at Laurel Park for Bowie-based sprinter Dance to Bristol (Nov. 16), when Xavier Perez, her jockey during the most productive part of her career, leaned against the chestnut filly's neck.

His back, clad in the black and gold of owner Susan Wantz, was turned to the gathered crowd. His right arm rested against her neck, his hand patting her. His left arm snaked under, and around, and then his hands joined at the top of her neck, and Perez held the filly tight in a hug.

You couldn't see his face, couldn't know, not really, what he was thinking: a young man, likely at the beginning of his racing career, and a filly, feted at the end of hers.

It was that kind of day; even while looking forward, the mind kept reaching back.

It reached back after the fourth, the Jennings Handicap for Maryland-breds. That's when one of the best current Maryland-breds, Eighttofasttocatch, joined his name to that of one of the best of an earlier generation. It was the easiest kind of victory for the 7-year-old Not For Love gelding, more like a parade than a race. He sped to the spot he likes best—the lead—and never was challenged en route to his third Jennings win.

That made him only the second three-time winner of the Jennings, a race that has now been run 72 times. The other, one of the best and most popular Maryland-breds of the 1980s, was Little Bold John.

That fact brought a smile to trainer Tim Keefe's face. "Little Bold John was a great horse when I was galloping horses when I was first starting out here," Keefe said in the winner's circle after the Jennings. "Jerry Robb had the horse. Little Bold John was synonymous around here in Maryland. He was a great horse."

Little Bold John, a John Alden gelding, won just shy of \$2 million in a career that ended in 1992. Eighttofasttocatch, whose earnings (with the Jennings win) exceed \$850,000, isn't likely to reach those exalted heights.

But, his trainer said, the horse is just about as good now as he's ever been. . . And then the winning connections were gone, shooed from the winner's circle in order to accommodate Dance to Bristol's retirement ceremony. The filly, resplendent in a special Dance to Bristol blanket, stood calmly while her humans fussed.

Trainer Ollie Figgins III, wiping his nose to fend off the tears, led her in. Rider Perez, eyes rimmed in red, kept finding reasons to turn away from the crowd. Owner Susan Wantz put on a brave face and said she didn't like the limelight, but, true or not, you could tell she was only too happy to take it if it gave her the chance to talk about the best filly she's ever owned, perhaps ever will own. . . "boy, did we get lucky with her. I thank the Lord."

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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME?

ARRESTS AT PENN NATIONAL COME DAY AFTER FEDERAL HEARING

By Tom Law

Federal involvement into the activities of the United States racing industry was essentially nonexistent this past fall, not surprising considering the well-chronicled government shutdown and much-maligned launch of the health care exchange websites that kept Uncle Sam pretty busy during that period.

The federal government got a lot more involved—at least publicly—in late November as a congressional subcommittee staged its fourth hearing to discuss a bill known as the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act of 2013 a day before indictments were unsealed charging three trainers and one clocker at Penn National Race Course with fraud in connection with races at the Grantville, Pa., racetrack.

The indictments, unsealed Nov. 22 and announced by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, charge trainers David Wells, Sam Webb and Patricia Anne Rogers with “allegedly devising a scheme to defraud those betting” on Penn National races by “attempting to administer,

and administering in violation of state racing rules and regulations, substances prohibited from being introduced into a horse within 24 hours of when the horse is scheduled to race.” Danny Robertson, a clocker employed by Penn National, allegedly provided and reported false workout times to Equibase in exchange for cash from trainers and profited personally from the scheme, the indictment said.

The investigation into the Penn National incidents is being led by the FBI, with the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission, Pennsylvania State Police, Dauphin County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Agriculture also involved. The Pennsylvania commission suspended the four individuals indefinitely pending the outcome of the cases.

The timing of the announcement was noteworthy because it came the day after the congressional subcommittee hearing that basically was a plea to get the United States Anti-Doping Agency involved in the sport. The indictments and hearing

also come at a time when the push within the industry to endorse and implement uniform medication rules and testing standards is starting to take hold.

The FBI's involvement at Penn National should not be seen as the federal government's attempt at more leverage, a key leader in the Mid-Atlantic group's effort said.

“Not at all,” said Alan Foreman, a Maryland attorney and chairman and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. “Some people are reacting and saying a lot of things, that if there's a positive test . . . then there's going to be federal prosecution. That's not what this case is.”

Foreman, who said he does not know all the details and facts of the Penn National case, said there is undoubtedly a great deal more information than has been disclosed. Much probably relates to eyewitness testimony of alleged wrongdoing, “similar to the Lance Armstrong” situation involving the now defamed cyclist who for years denied doping but later admitted to cheating.

“Basically (the federal government is looking into) the scheme to affect the outcome of races through the use of medications, but there's a lot that hasn't been established,” Foreman said. “Like what medications? What treatments? The fact that substances, needles, syringes,

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Mid-Atlantic-breds at the November sales

A total of 127 Mid-Atlantic-breds sold at the mixed sales in Kentucky in November, and 31—representing Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia—brought prices in the six figures.

The two highlights were Grade 1 winners Ask the Moon (\$1.8 million at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale on Nov. 6) and Her Smile (\$1.075 million at Fasig-Tipton's November Sale, held the evening of Nov. 4), as previously reported.

Mid-Atlantic-breds to sell for \$200,000 or more with breeder, consignor and buyer:

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\$1,075,000. Her Smile, dk.b./br.m., 2008, Include—Hepburn, by Capote (in foal to Ghostzapper). William M. Backer (Va.); Adena Springs; SF Bloodstock LLC.

\$225,000. Moon Philly, b.f., 2009, Malibu Moon—Astor Place, by Deputy Minister. Ellen Dale Racing LLC (Pa.); Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services Inc. (John Stuart), agent; Dixiana Farms.

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things like that were found in barns and confiscated, doesn't immediately lead to the conclusion that races were corrupted. There's an awful lot more information to this."

The indictment of Webb specifically mentions him being detected by track security personnel in May 2013, in a stall with hypodermic syringes, needles and bottles of medications preparing to inject a horse in his care. Rogers' indictment is similar, referencing Rogers being

caught by security in August 2013 with hypodermic syringes, needles and bottles of medications. Both horses mentioned were scratched.

Wells, who gained national attention for training Rapid Redux during a 22-race win streak from late 2010 to early 2012, was said in his indictment to "routinely inject prohibited substances into the horses he trained and other horses he both trained and owned."

"A lot of what's mentioned is already currently prohibited," Foreman said. "Under the uniform medication program, it's still understood that you're not allowed to have needles, drugs, syringes,

without the permission of the stewards. Under our program, no substances are administered by trainers."

Despite the differences, Foreman does see some long-reaching effects of the most recent federal involvement.

"If there's a chilling effect it's 'yes, I'm a trainer and I need to think twice if I have that stuff in my barn,' . . . and if there's some type of search and seizure that results in finding things that are illegal, it might result in prosecution beyond the current regulatory scheme. But I also don't think this practice is widespread. I'm confident this situation doesn't happen at major tracks."

Owner/Breeder: BARBARA HOUCK



Residences: A 15-acre farm on the Wye River near Queenstown, Md., and a home in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Owns: Six horses in training (two at Charles Town, four at Laurel Park); four yearlings

at Ellore Training Center in South Carolina; several broodmares and a pensioner at Maryland farm.

Best horses: Fear the Facelift, Hot Fun, Smashing Beau, Pacific Spy, Wye, Fear the Cape, Cavasham.

Trainers: Jeff Runco and Donald Barr.

A native of Baltimore, Barbara Houck and her husband, Errol, are successful semi-retired real-estate entrepreneurs who divide their time between homes in Maryland and Florida. The Houcks' real-estate dealings include developing St. Lucie County International Airport in Florida as well as managing 90 acres at the site, which is home to a flight school and restaurant.

The Houcks have two children: Heather, a dermatologist and equestrian, who lives near Wellington, Fla., and Adam, an engineer who co-owns Coltons Point Marina in southern Maryland.

Houck's best homebred thus far has been Fear the Facelift, a Pennsylvania-bred daughter of the Cape Town stallion Fear the Cape, whom she also campaigned. The now 5-year-old gray mare made her first 21 starts for Houck, which included a win in the 2013 President's Day Handicap at Charles Town, before being claimed last June at Presque Isle Downs. Since the claim, Fear the Facelift captured the "Cavada" Breeders Classic Stakes at Charles Town in October, and placed in two other stakes. She has total earnings of \$306,391 from 26 starts.

Houck spoke with *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* contributor Linda Dougherty.

Getting into racing:

We've been involved in Thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The first horse I ever bought won his first race, and I thought "oh boy, this is easy." But for the next 40 years, I found out otherwise.

We had bought Cold Saturday Farm (a late 18th century estate listed on the National Register of Historic Places) in Finksburg, Md., which was 125 acres, and kept horses there (in the mid 1970s). Now we have a 15-acre farm on the Wye River that has a four-stall barn and a tenant house, and we have broodmares and a pensioner, Smashing Beau, who raced for me and won a few stakes and more than \$300,000.

Fear the Facelift:

We raced her sire, Fear the Cape, and he was bred as well as any horse there is, so when he was through racing

he went to stand in West Virginia. We supported him, and I sent my mare Twochindordor (by Vice Regent) to him and got a very nice gray filly.

She was named by my friend Leslie Ruth. I thought, "what do you do with a mare named Twochindordor?" So Leslie came up with "Fear the Facelift."

When she was a young horse, she cut her leg so badly that I didn't think she'd ever race. She sliced her rear leg right to the cannon bone; it happened during a big snow and we're not certain how she did it. Dr. Judy Tubman worked on her and sent us pictures of the leg; it was terrible, and I thought it was the end of her career. But everything worked out and she's always been a very sound horse, she's never had an issue. My husband was upset when she was claimed from us (for \$40,000), but she was good to us and it's part of the business.

What the future holds:

I had been foaling my mares in West Virginia and Pennsylvania but now Maryland is going to have such a good program that I'm going to start foaling them in Maryland. What I would like to see is restricted races for Maryland-breds, not just restricted stakes races.

I've been trying to upgrade my program—this year I bought yearlings by Street Sense, Curlin, Divine Park and a half-sister to Fear the Facelift by Monba. I sent them all to Franklin Smith at Ellore Training Center in South Carolina, he does a great job with young horses.

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Michelle Sperow Sharp can fill an afternoon talking about Snapfinger. That's the kind of thing that tends to happen when you've owned a horse for 28 years. He's become such a part of the fabric of her life—of her whole family's life, really—that memories and anecdotes revolve around him.

Listening to Sharp, you are immediately struck by the sense of pride she feels. And she should be proud; Snapfinger officially turned 33 on New Year's Day. Now white as the driven snow, he was dark dappled gray when he came into Sharp's life in 1986. A show rider since childhood, she was

introduced to Snapfinger by Rodney Jenkins, who was just branching out into training for the races. "Rodney loved horse racing at Charles Town and would always try to find horses that fit there," she said. "They had tried to make Snapfinger a steeplechase horse but it didn't work."

Unable to get the horse to run well, Jenkins shipped him to Sharp and she started to train him off of her family's Sunny Ridge Farm in Martinsburg, W.Va. "It wasn't going well; he was snorting, hard to deal with and just miserable," she told. "I used to gallop him here at the farm in an overcheck. He was just so tough and so rank." Jenkins suggested Sharp keep the gelding, and the pair agreed to a 60/40 deal with her as the majority partner. Sharp and then-husband Marc shared training duties.

The son of Northern Jove and Me Carla, by Gallant Romeo, was bred in Maryland by Robert and Nancy Leonard of Glade Valley Farm. His lifetime past performances are a fascinating read. This was a working-class, bread-and-butter campaigner who earned his \$64,619 the hard way. A sprinter—"He was a speedball," according to Sharp—Snapfinger ran for eight seasons, most often at Charles Town. And it was not unusual to see his name on the card three times in the same month. In 1989, he ran July 2, 12 and 17. He did the same in August, with three starts. All six outings earned him checks, including a win to his credit Aug. 23. And check the math: Snapfinger was 8 years old that summer.

Coming back in 1990 at 9, he showed little in five starts. "He was telling me he didn't want to run anymore," Sharp said, "and I listened to him." He retired completely sound after inking a running line of 64-13-9-5.

"I'll tell you a couple of really funny stories," Sharp laughed. "Rodney Jenkins was NEVER in one of Snapfinger's win photos. Not one. He really couldn't stand Rodney; he'd smell his pipe and that was it. It's been a long-standing joke and we've laughed about that for years. And here's something else for you—Snapfinger absolutely loved mud, he was a front-runner, and whenever we gave him a mud tail, he won. Those are facts. "

Always a horse who wanted a job, Snapfinger was given plenty to do in his post-race career. Through friends and connections, Sharp found several free-lease situations for her horse over the years, always with the stipulation that he return to her. "He actually did the amateur jumpers at Upperville one year. He spent a year doing dressage. He foxhunted. He went to a girl who rode on the team at McDonogh School (in Maryland). I would go to visit him and on the way I'd stop and get him chocolate cake donuts from 7-Eleven, which he still loves."

Clearly, Snapfinger is a chocoholic. Sharp relayed a hilarious incident from years ago involving a birthday cake that had been baked for a long-time groom. She would routinely ship breezers from her farm to Charles Town where she had a few stalls. On this morning, Snapfinger had worked and was patiently waiting in his stall to return home. The birthday cake—chocolate with chocolate icing—had been placed atop several bales of hay, safely out of harm's way. Busy with the

next set, Sharp and her groom were flabbergasted to return to the barn to find Snapfinger out of his stall with his face buried in the cake, munching blissfully. "That white face was covered with chocolate up to his eyes," she said, "and to this day we still have no idea how he got out. We laughed so hard about it."

Eventually Snapfinger became Sharp's stable pony, spending winters at Tampa Bay Downs. "He came home one year and we noticed an arrhythmia, so we stopped riding him. I think the last time he went to Tampa with me was 2006 or 2007." Which would have made him 25 or 26. This time, retirement stuck.

Snapfinger went home to 150-acre Sunny Ridge. "I grew up here on this farm with the horses, went to private school," Sharp said. "My dad is a retired orthopedic surgeon, and this farm has been in his family for generations. He is now 89 and has Alzheimer's, but he's never forgotten Snapfinger. He still goes to the barn to see him."

Another recent visitor was former jockey Lori Youngs Santmyer, who was

frequently in the irons when Snapfinger ran. "I admit I used to be very 'anti-girl rider' but she got along with him like a house afire," Sharp said. "And this horse did it the hard way; this was back in the day when there wasn't much money at the track." Santmyer recently moved to Texas, but she made sure to spend some time with her old partner before leaving.

The gelding has spent the past several years raising babies which, according to Sharp, is yet another task at which he excels. A particularly ornery Bop colt was turned out with the old guy who firmly but gently schooled the young'un in Behavior Modification 101. Still spry, Snapfinger enters every paddock bucking and kicking. He wears a Rambo rug all winter and comes in every night.

"He's the pampered king of the farm," said Sharp. "He mans the whole situation, and he monitors who comes and goes and where they go. And he was making sure he got his kisses and his treats from my mother tonight before he went to bed. We call him the Mayor of Sunny Ridge." ★



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The horses can't possibly know when we need them, but sometimes it sure seems like it.

Racing's reputation took a punch on the chin in late November when three trainers and a clocker were arrested—not suspended or fined, arrested—on federal charges at Penn National Race Course in Grantville, Pa. A United States Attorney's Office press release mentions fraud, drugs, race fixing. Now that's a trifecta you don't want to hit. The bruise was immediate and didn't help any argument for racing's ability to regulate itself by coming just days after a congressional hearing about federal oversight of Thoroughbred racing.

Does racing need government involvement to right itself? The sport would be better off without it, in the long run, but might need it—or the threat of it—to get to the place everyone seems to want to be. Face it, the state-by-state regulation doesn't work. It's outdated and was created to protect bettors, not horses.

Everybody talks about uniform rules, sensible penalties, accredited testing laboratories—and the Mid-Atlantic has led the way in this area—but we're not there yet and a long investigation involving the FBI really doesn't make the case that we're ready.

Five days after the charges were announced, Ben's Cat spoke for the horses, delivering yet another signature performance in a career so full of them it's getting difficult to discern the most meaningful. But to me, this one is on the short list.

Owner/trainer/breeder King Leatherbury's now 8-year-old gelding won Penn National's Fabulous Strike Handicap for the second consecutive year. Ben's Cat, so badly injured as a young horse that he didn't run until age 4 (and that was in a maiden claimer), won his 24th race, collected his 19th stakes victory and passed the \$500,000 mark for the third consecutive season.

The son of Parker's Storm Cat and Leatherbury's Thirty Eight Paces mare

Twofox reached \$1.86 million in career earnings. The win came in his first start after a loss going a mile (his race, the Turf Sprint, was canceled) at the Maryland Million.

More importantly, Ben's Cat—that's him in the photo with me on this page—spoke up for the sport, for the horses. Despite all the things that bring negative attention on racing, there is one enduring, bright, shining light. It has four legs, a mane and a tail.

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To think a Thoroughbred of humble beginnings could do what Ben's Cat has done—while carefully managed by an 80-year-old racetrack lifer—is pure magic and it matters. Admittedly, all horses aren't Ben's Cat. Talent and ability count for something, but the horses don't know that. Ben's Cat didn't know racing needed something good to happen in late November, he just tried to win a race.

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Holly the Hero

*Sung or unsung, Maryland trainer
Robinson lives up to honor*

By Vinnie Perrone



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Presenting the first Joe Kelly Unsung Hero Award last October, Maryland Million directors implicitly established these precedents for choosing a winning nominee . . . The recipient should contribute readily to the state racing community, and cuss liberally, and learn to train from storied horsemen, and offer sanctuary to human strangers or any needy beast except snakes, and yell, and serve as one-person racetrack recycler, and drive a transport for doomed dogs, and squander a college education, and effect a viable training program others mocked, and care for horses racing and retired, and needle anyone without exception, and engage quiet acts of generosity, and host a baby shower that degenerates into an arm-wrestling fray for drunken women.

"I've never been so shocked in my whole life," 62-year-old Holly Robinson said not about the shower. About winning the Unsung Hero.

Her friends spoke no such wonder. Regarding Holly, stroke by textured stroke, they sketched a vivid rose born of nature: inviting and full of color, inspiring and full of thorns.

"Anybody that really knows her knows how much she does for other people," racing secretary Georganne Hale said in her Laurel Park office. "Even with her horses. When her horses retire, she always makes sure she finds a great home for 'em . . . where they're gonna be used in another capacity, like foxhunting. They're not just gonna sit there like a lawn ornament.

"But then she calls me last week, and she goes, 'Where do you get facials?' And I told her. And she goes, 'Oh. Who do you use?' And I said, 'I think they're all pretty good.' She goes, 'I just wanna make sure I don't use the person you do, because it certainly hasn't helped you.'"

"She used to call me all sorts of names, and she always used a lot of profanity," jockey Rosie Napravnik said by phone the day she shipped into New Orleans for the Fair Grounds meet. "But, honestly, she's hilarious, and I don't think her wit ever hurt anybody's feelings 'cause she is such a great person and everybody loves her."

"She doesn't get a lot of (training) opportunities; but, when she does, she gets the best out of a horse," said Ann Merryman, who launched a novel farm-and-track training partnership with Robinson more than a decade back. "She's the most unique individual. She has probably the greatest sense of humor of anybody you've met, even though half the stuff she says to

people you could never print. But she's just so compassionate, and she thinks, when she's helping people so much, that she's doing absolutely nothing. Like when she took Rosie in."

An assistant then to Robinson, Jazz Napravnik tried hard to brace her kid sister for Holly's isms. Rosie, then 16 and itching to race-ride, had left New Jersey for summer work galloping horses for Dickie Small. The only catch: She needed a place to live. Jazz knew whom to ask.

Introductions took place in Robinson's tackroom, then at Pimlico. The exchange was a wink to Holly's bluntness.

Rosie: "The first thing that Holly did was, she stuck out her hand and she said, 'Hi. I don't like girl riders and I don't like bug riders! Nice to meet you.'"

A three-month trial became an 18-month spree. Embracing her new life in Maryland, Rosie enrolled at Hereford High in Parkton. Robinson, her de facto guardian, drove Rosie to school every weekday after training and, when Rosie later needed make-up credits, three times a week to night school in Essex. After a second absence brought Rosie an expulsion notice from Hereford, Robinson wrote a compelling appeal that quashed it.

Rosie got her high-school degree and her jockey's license and quickly rode her way to racing's upper class. On Far Out Lane in Sparks, Md., Robinson's household was diminished but not depleted: Rescue dogs, hounds mostly, still populate the place, and Kawana Swank and son Kaden keep residence in the basement. Kaden, an infant when they moved in, is 12.

"It was a crazy time, and I wouldn't have been able to accomplish so many of the things that I was able to accomplish if

I hadn't had someone like Holly going out of her way for me absolutely for no reason other than she could and she wanted to," Rosie said. "She was whatever I needed her to be. When I needed her to be a parent, she was a parent. When I needed her to be a best friend, she was a best friend. She would leave me alone and let me figure things out on my own, and if I needed somebody to figure it out for me, she would do that."

"Rosie was an incredible girl," Robinson said. "I think my pet peeves are the people that say what I've done for Rosie made her the person she is. Let me tell you somethin': That little girl had what it takes, and you very seldom see it. What I did for her helped her a little bit. What Dickie did for her helped her a little bit. And she went on. But let's just say I didn't give her a place to live; let's say she had to live in a tackroom. She was still gonna be what she is. We made it easier for her, but she had that drive."

Young Catherine Holland Robinson, called Holly, never quite squared school and horses, a truth linked to the piney wonder of Camp Illahee in the North Carolina Blue Ridge. William Holland Robinson, a tobacco wholesaler called Holland, and Agnes Withers Robinson, a homemaker called Agnes, had sent their third and youngest daughter to the girls' Christian summer camp in the late 1950s. Illahee meant heavenly world to the Cherokee, and to 6-year-old Holly.

"After ridin', you're supposed to go to arts and crafts, and then you go swim and do this and that," Robinson said, North Carolina still spicing her words. "And after the second day . . . I just skipped all the classes. And after riding, I would go hang out at the creek and look at the horses. And finally somebody came up to me and said, 'No need for you to be sittin' in that ditch. Come on up.' And, I mean, I was just in love. And basically I've been hooked on 'em ever since."

Eventually, the Robinsons bought 12-year-old Holly a pony, Newsprint, origin unknown—"part Quarter Horse, part Lord-knows-what" as Holly put it—on the condition she improve her schoolwork. Newsprint didn't adapt well to jumps, but Holly cleared enough scholastic hurdles to land enrollment at Averett College in Danville, Va.

"They must have had a payoff to take me, 'cause I was sort of a deadbeat," she said. "But I got nominated for hall counselor of my dorm. Not one person



Sweet potatoes are a key ingredient in the feed buckets around Holly Robinson's barn.

returned the next year, OK? I was a real leader.”

Fearing dismissal before sophomore term began, Robinson found a new field of study at the Morven Park Equestrian Center in Leesburg, Va., where Olympic silver medalist Jimmy Wofford offered instruction on three-day eventing. At Morven, two men helped clear the brush to her career path: Stanley Greene Sr., who confirmed that Robinson belonged in a racing stable, and Norman Funk, who steered her to Hall of Fame steeplechase trainer Mikey Smithwick.

By then, the early 1970s, a trend was emerging: Holly Robinson had a way to

find the heart of the action, and the action of the heart. She took residence on the Smithwick farm in Hydes, Md., became fast friends with brothers Speedy and Roger Smithwick and, before long, accepted Olympic equestrian Kathy Kusner's offer for a working sabbatical with the French Olympic team at Chantilly.

Robinson flashed to afternoon gallops over the mythic course, the shadows lengthening, and said, “That’s sorta like a dream.”

For six months she studied under Brazilian-born show-riding star Nelson Pessoa, rich for the experience but mindful of the plan. “I did not go there to learn to

be a show rider; just for the experience of workin’ around another place,” she said. “I wanted to train racehorses.”

A working stint at The Curragh in Ireland proved less thrilling. “Big fields,” Robinson said. “I couldn’t say I was disappointed, but it was just so different than what I thought it’d be. I just thought, ‘The Curragh—that’s a long walk home.’”

Back stateside, she returned to the Smithwicks and continued living there even after accepting a job with trainer Tom Voss. “Tom and I got along really well,” she said. “It’s hard to get along really well with Tom.”

The stints with Voss and Smithwick only confirmed her career arc.

“When I was in France, they weren’t Thoroughbreds; they were these big ol’ crosses. They were gi-normous horses. They had good runners, and they got over the jumps. But I’m sayin’, there’s a Thoroughbred for everybody. There’s one out there just waitin’ for you. They’re athletic. They’re smart. I love Thoroughbreds because you sit there, and you go through the routine, and you teach ‘em somethin’, and they get it. Whereas a lot of these warmbloods, every day, over and over and over again—they’re not very smart. And I found that on the French Olympic team.”

Robinson worked for Voss a few years, then another two after she became god-mother to Tom and Mimi’s son, Sam. But the flat track beckoned ever louder, and she answered the call in the early 1980s as assistant to Augustin Stable trainer Joe Clancy Sr.

Each working gig burnished her portfolio, professional and personal. Like Smithwick and Voss, Clancy entrusted Robinson with more than horses; she routinely looked after young sons Joe Jr. and Sean, editor and principal writer of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*.

“Did they tell you the story about the fair?” she asked. “OK, I’m workin’ for their father, and we have an apartment near Timonium. So I took Sean and Joe over to the fair. And I don’t know how old they were; they were young. Arranged to meet ‘em at a time and place. They’re not there. They’re nowhere. So I figured, ‘This is it. I’ve lost the kids. Pedophiles have taken ‘em.’ I’m almost in tears. My life’s over. The children are dead.”

“And then they come out of nowhere, laughin’. I ripped ‘em. I told Sean, I said, ‘You just wait: When your kids give you the slip, you tell me you won’t be the same way.’ You know somethin’? When you finally see ‘em, you’re so gratified to see ‘em. But then it turns into anger, and you wanna kill ‘em.

You're gonna kill 'em because you found 'em alive."

The kids lived to tell that, and other, stories. Joe Clancy Sr. won the 1984 Federico Tesio Stakes with Fourmatt, and Robinson soon celebrated another score. Roger Attfield, who managed one of the most fashionable racing stables on the Canadian flat, had hired her as assistant.

"The first time I walked into that barn, I'd never seen so many crooked-legged horses my whole life, and they were Vice Regents," she said. "And we had all those Canadian-breds. . . and they were short cannon-boned, crooked. But I learned a whole lot. And never, never discount Roger, OK? If you have seen him run a horse, and you say, 'This just doesn't suit,' it's in there for a reason. I think he can make chicken salad out of chicken sh--."

Managing Attfield's U.S. strings, Robinson finally had her hands on flat-running royalty: \$2 million earners With Approval, and Izvestia; Talkin Man, Play the King.

For 15 years she drove through the sport's upper reaches, until the endless road show brought a downshift.

"The last year that I was with (Attfield), we did the Chicago thing. And so we'd go from Florida to Keeneland, Keeneland to Churchill, Churchill to Arlington, Arlington back to Keeneland, Churchill, Florida. And it had just been long enough."

In the late 1990s, Robinson took her wit, ways and wisdom back to Maryland and launched a stable steeped in laughter and steady productivity. For each of the ensuing 15 years, her horses have won six to 19 races and \$120,000 to \$270,000 in purses.

Between asides and quips and offbeat tales, Robinson said she draws from her teachers in her everyday work. Exhibit A stood down the wall in her Laurel Park office/tackroom, where saddle towels and girth covers and assorted bandages were meticulously rolled and meticulously stowed on wooden shelves.

"I learned that from Roger," she said of the orderly display.

Verbally, less-orderly displays ran loose. Behind the green metal office door with a dog-eared poster of a mutt and the word ADOPT, assistant Sonja Aleksic returned Robinson's playful barbs and sometimes prompted them. As for what her boss does especially well, Aleksic said in Serbian-English, "Probably yelling."

"True," Robinson parried, "but I've never hit anybody."

Then, with barely a pause, "Did you hear about Sonja's shower? We invited everybody, and they were all makin' plans



Back in the day, trainer Holly Robinson worked on the steeplechase circuit for trainers Mikey Smithwick and Tom Voss including plenty of time on horseback (left) and tightening girths (at the Fair Hill Races).



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to leave early because baby showers are boring. So we started out with a few little games, and then Sonja, who can't even drink, brings out this Serbian white lightning-grain alcohol. So, the next thing I know, the games are to the side, and then the girls were arm wrestlin' . . .

"Well, they all stayed late, and then left and said, 'If you have a baby shower again, I'm comin' to it.'"

In Robinson's Laurel office, on the wall above her desk, amid a sea of win photos and a wood carving that read, "The more people I meet, the more I like my dogs," a silver digital square registered 85 degrees and the wrong time.

"It's not right most of the time," she said. "It changes time, and I really like it because I can confuse people."

Robinson opened the door and yelled out. "LOUIS!"

"Yes," came the soft reply from stable-hand Luis Garcia, a few feet away.

Then quieter. "Will you hand out a sweet potato or two?"

"OK."

Each of her 15 horses gets a raw, whole sweet potato daily, she said, which boosts vitamin intake and appetite.

"Now, (trainer) Jessie Campitelli cooks 'em. I don't cook 'em—since I don't cook for myself."

She's in the "big barn" at Laurel, the deluxe stable Izzy Cohen built some 20 years ago. "I didn't wanna come in," Robinson said. "Of course, as soon as I

moved in here, the roof flies off of it. 'So do me some favors Georganne, OK?'"

For more playful, off-color brushes with racing secretary Hale, consider this:

"I'm sittin' out there talkin' one day . . . and there's this green bird on that paddock fence out there with all these blackbirds," Robinson said. "So I said, 'Get that bird.'"

Before long, she said, foreman Enrique Lopez caught and delivered it.

"He put it in a box, and I gave it to the kid (Kaden Swank) for a birthday present. And so the bird was living at my house. And that b---- Georganne wanted me to pay Magna for it because it was a Magna bird."

Then Hale got going.

"Holly and her two sisters always went on family vacations to unbelievable islands and stuff," she said. "I met one of her sisters, and she said, 'You need to come on vacation with us.' And I said, 'Sure.' So then Holly says, 'That's real nice—tryin' to get into my family.' I said, 'Damn right—I wanna be that fourth sister 'cause you all get to go places.'"

"So then I drove with her to go visit her dad when he was in assisted living in North Carolina. It was hotter than hell—a hundred-some degrees when we get there. And she goes, 'Where you goin'?' And I go, 'Well, I'm gonna come inside.' She says, 'No. I'm already stuck with you every vacation. You're not meetin' my father.' I said, 'Well, can't I come inside?' She goes, 'Nooooooo. And get me outta the will because you schmoozed in, like you did

Hero of the sideshows

We weren't that young, OK? I was 18, headed to college in a few weeks. Sean was 13. It was the Maryland State Fair, not Greenmount Avenue. And we were fine, no matter what Holly Robinson says.

Our version of the story, and we're sticking to it, goes like this:

Holly was working for our father at Timonium in the summer of 1983, back when the track still ran a full summer meet. She was the assistant, and ran the shed down at the end—just beyond King Leatherbury, around the back from Mike Goswell, at the opposite end of Ann Merryman and next to Greg Bowman. There were a dozen or so horses, flat and steeplechase, 2-year-olds and older. The human crew included Holly, Lonnie, Two-Hour Lou, Every Other Day Ray and a few others. Georganne Hale was an exercise rider for Merryman. Spoon was there, and Shaky, Monroe and Crazy Sam with the machete. What a summer. We won races, lost races, ate egg and cheese sandwiches every day, walked “through the hole,” laughed, lived and learned. We also made some extra cash renting out the foxhunters' vacuum cleaner we brought from the farm.

But I digress. We (Holly, Sean and I) went to the fair one night for entertainment. We ate dinner, we rode a few rides, walked through the log home carved from a single tree. Eventually, Sean and I wanted to go to the side shows—headless woman, wolf boy, strong man, pygmy tribe, world's largest bull and all the rest. Holly wouldn't go. I can still hear her, “If you think I'm going to see some HEADLESS WOMAN you're crazy. No thank you.” So Holly waited outside

the tent. The freaks were freaky, but we weren't scarred. After seeing them all, we exited the tent, and Holly was nowhere to be found. Gone. We looked around a bit and, coming up empty, we walked to my car—maybe we got ice cream, I don't know—and drove back to the apartment where we stayed. I can't remember if we got home first or she was already there but either way she was mad. Maddier than a cat with its tail caught in a wringer washer or something like that. She yelled, screamed, cussed, hollered, tossed in several “Your dad made me responsible for you!” exclamations and went to bed. She was still mad the next day at the barn and pretty much every day the rest of the summer.

Actually, she's still mad. To this day, every time we see her she makes sure we know how she feels.

It's been 30 years since that summer. Some of the players are long gone (I miss Lonnie every day). Georganne became the racing secretary. Sean and I write for this magazine. Holly went to Canada and back, but is still doing her thing—caring for horses, dogs and humans, playing mother hen to the rest of us and making sure we're in line.

She won the first Joe Kelly Unsung Hero Award in 2013 because of that spirit and attitude. She was never unsung to me, but she's a hero because she gives a darn, whether you're trying to make it as a kid jockey, needing a place to live, looking for a home or just hoping to get your horse to the races.

No matter what your status, Holly will help. Just don't try to take her to the sideshows at the fair.

—Joe Clancy

with my sisters? You are not meetin' my father.' I said, 'Come on, Holly.' She goes, 'No. Absolutely not.' She wouldn't let me come into the air conditioning. I had to walk the neighborhood.

“She has a big heart, but basically she is a witch.”

With regard to training, Robinson has sought the company of others in creative ways. As the 2000s dawned with less-desirable results, she and fellow trainer Merryman, longtime friends, effected a partnership: They would essentially pool their horses, Holly training at the racetrack and Ann at the family farm, Orebanks, in

Sparks. They combined resources but kept their clients separate.

“We call it our condo training,” Merryman said. “I was like, ‘Holly, let's just throw these outfits together.’ She was starvin' at one end of the (Pimlico) shed, and I was starving at the other. . . . Furthermore it's another pair of eyes on everything. Everybody has assistants; so I'm her assistant, and she's my assistant. You know, it's worked for us.”

“We were both on the edge, whether we were gonna make it or not, and we had a handful of horses between the two of us,” Robinson said. “And we have differ-

ent ways of doin' things. I say right; she says left. She's open to all ideas; I'm pretty much a very black-and-white person (her stable colors). . . . She has made me a little better, and I think I've made her better, even though she says I'm more military than she is.”

Speedy Smithwick joined the cooperative, adding a Virginia outlet and boosting the horse pool to nearly 40. Smithwick trains at the family's Sunny Bank Farm in Middleburg.

“It works out great for everybody,” Robinson said. “They keep their family farms goin', and I'm at the racetrack. . . . I enjoy the socializin' that goes on at the racetrack. I just keep it simple.”

Part of that simplicity means hauling rescue dogs every month or so. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals takes dogs from North Carolina kill shelters, places them, and uses a relay of volunteers to drive up the coast to New Jersey. Robinson typically picks up two to a dozen rescues in Catonsville, Md., and ferries them to Wilmington, Del.

“It's really funny, because I'm more of a disciplinarian with the horses than I am with the dogs,” she said. “And I think that's because, in our business, we can't become emotionally attached to the horses.”

But the line to those and other emotional attachments seems to smudge easily. When she accepted the Unsung Hero Award in October, Robinson donated the \$1,000 cash prize to a fund for another trainer's exercise rider, Jose Villegas, badly injured in a spill. Then, at the silent auction, she proffered high bid on a six-day trip to Africa for two and gave it to Kawana and Kaden Swank.

“Don't think it's some great act of generosity,” she said. “If I'm goin' to Africa, I'm goin' for 60 days, not six.”

As for other selfish acts, Robinson single-handedly recycles cans and bottles from the Laurel/Pimlico racing office.

“I got sort of fanatical about it,” she said. “It's too bad we don't recycle. It's just so bad. When everybody's bitchin' about the environment, I sit there and say, ‘You're the ones with kids. I'm recyclin' for your kids.’”

It underscores her mantra. “To me, it comes down to this,” she said. “Don't hurt the animals and don't hurt children.”

The verbal archer looked off, far off, to a Maryland State Fair 30 years past, and shot one more arrow from a teeming quiver.

“When you see Sean (Clancy),” she said, “tell him I hope he lost his kids at the fair.”

Uniform Front

RCI, Delaware Racing Commission chair
Patterson among key leaders in racing's
battle for medication reform



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Duncan Patterson estimates he spends about 20 hours per week on matters related to racing, principally those that pertain to his roles as chairman of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission and the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

Give or take that amount of course, depending if hot-button issues are percolating in the industry as they most certainly did in 2013 with the push in the Mid-Atlantic region toward uniform medication and drug testing practices. The effort took hold first in the region and since expanded, thanks to the efforts of many individuals and organizations. Patterson, whose term as chairman of the RCI expires in the spring, is one of those individuals.

In addition to his chairman positions mentioned above, Patterson also serves as chairman of the RCI's Drug Testing Standards and Practices committee. He was appointed to the Delaware commission in 1988 and has served with the RCI in various capacities for the last 10 years.

Patterson graduated from the University of Virginia and served in the U.S. Army before embarking on a career in racing that includes a short stint training flat horses mostly at Charles Town Races and later a longer run training steeplechase horses. Patterson is a partner with the real estate firms Patterson Woods and Patterson Price, the latter of which sold such noted Thoroughbred operations as Windfields Farm, Someday Farm and Sycamore Hall through the years.

Patterson talked with *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred's* Tom Law to discuss the efforts related to uniform medication

rules and drug testing practices, along with offering up other insights on issues affecting racing, shortly before Thanksgiving.

Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred:

Going back to the start of 2013 and the start of your term as chairman of RCI, medication was already a hot-button topic. What were your priorities related to the issue at the start of 2013?

Duncan Patterson: We'd been working on it for as long as I've been involved with the RCI, which is probably 15 years. It appeared we were going to have the opportunity to make tremendous progress. People were coming together on this issue. Certainly Alan Foreman, with the Mid-Atlantic group, was a catalyst that helped move the whole thing forward around the country. If you go back to when we tried to get uniformity with Bute, and then with anabolic steroids, that really emanated from the region. I have to give credit to Rick Abbott, who was then chairman of the Pennsylvania racing commission; it got done. I remember (Abbott) calling me up and saying, 'You need to support me on this. I'm really going out on a limb.' I said, 'OK, you've got my support.' So through the efforts of him and others we were able to get the ball rolling with anabolic steroids and with the efforts in the Mid-Atlantic it gained momentum and then was nationwide.

The same thing has occurred with the uniform medications. And the uniform medication issue is just one part of the overall program. You need the lab accreditation, because if you have uniform medications you need to have uniformity as far as the protocol is concerned with detecting the medications and the threshold levels. And on top of that, with Richard Dutrow being the poster child of people abusing the system and getting away with it, we then needed to look into multiple violations, which is an overlay on existing penalties. That was all coming together and I said my goal was to ensure these things became a reality during my term.

MAT: How is that effort going?

DP: Obviously we need the cooperation of a heck of a lot of people. We were working closely with The Jockey Club. Jim Gagliano and Matt Iuliano and the (Racing Medication and Testing Consortium) with Dion Benson and Alex Waldrop, who just took over as head of the RMTC. Through Alex's efforts as head of the NTRA we really got momentum. He has gotten very high-profile entities and individuals to sign on for uniform medications. As of yester-

day, because I talked to Ed Martin, who has been in constant contact with executive directors of various jurisdictions around the country, 26 of the 35 jurisdictions have either enacted them or are in the process thereof, or indicated they would.

MAT: That's an impressive number. Give an example of a state that hasn't jumped on board officially.

DP: Delaware, where I am, we have not moved forward on it because our plan was to move on it in January since we don't open up until May. The process is fairly simplistic in Delaware as opposed to other states. We can get done in three months where some states that might require a year and a half.

MAT: What are some other issues and problems with getting this done nationally?

DP: We do have some problems. Florida, for example, it has to be handled legislatively. It's a nightmare. Thank God tracks like Tampa have proposed house rules to ensure that these rules are followed. Ohio is balking right now. That's mainly because of the harness racing situation where they're concerned about administration of withholding times of both clenbuterol and corticosteroids because they race seven days a week. Many states already have those withdrawal times in place for harness tracks and that's working fine, but that's a problem.

MAT: Going back to your role as a regulator and commissioner, how important is that position to this issue?

DP: People ask me all the time, what does a racing commissioner do? I say we serve and are responsible for five very different and distinct constituencies.

Our No. 1 priority in my mind, first and foremost, is the health and welfare of the horse. Certainly the medication issues are paramount of importance for the health of the horse. Yes, corticosteroids can alleviate joint pain and can be very effective, but unfortunately it's abused and causes a degeneration of a horse's joints. Clenbuterol can be effective as a bronchodilator, sure, but it's being abused because people are using it as a substitute for anabolic steroids. It's an abuse factor. I may be naïve but I think a majority of our horsemen are on the up and up, they try to follow the rules and do what's best for the horse, but there's a significant number of people that do abuse the rules and consequently give racing a bad name.

Second are the jockeys. Certainly enforcing the medication rules are important for the safety of the jockeys. When you have people injecting horses with demorphen you might as well put a gun to the jockey's head. You're injecting a drug that's 40 times more powerful than morphine and it's an opiate. For humans an opiate acts like a sedative. It apparently has the opposite effect on horses. I suppose that's why you see it more prominent in Quarter Horses compared to Thoroughbreds.

Third is the betting public. Some might argue that should be No. 1. Obviously we have responsibility to ensure the integrity of racing and that goes back to the medication issues, too.

Fourth are horsemen. Specifically licensing issues, penalty issues and insuring people involved in the game are the people you want involved in the game.

Finally the association, meaning the racetracks. Unfortunately many of their goals now are in conflict with basically the other ones. The association wants, and they should, to limit say the number of days to ensure a quality product. But you've got many horsemen that are perfectly happy having \$5,000 claimers going 6 furlongs in a five-horse field so they can pick up third and fourth money.

MAT: You mentioned horsemen. A lot of the issue goes back to horsemanship and whether it's there or whether it isn't, do you agree?

DP: I was in Abu Dhabi two weeks ago (for the International Conference for Education and Training). They had some panel discussions that were very interesting. One of the panel discussions was schools. Remi Bellocq was there representing the jockey school that he and Chris McCarron run and there were people from other schools around the world. There were 25 countries that were represented at the conference. They were talking about how many countries require trainers, before they get their license, to go through a trainers' school, too. Here, all you need to do is write your check and sign your name and all of a sudden you've got a trainer's license. Now that's not true in every jurisdiction but if you get it in one jurisdiction there's reciprocity in most jurisdictions.

I started holding horses for blacksmiths on the backstretch of Delaware Park when I was 12 years old. I'll never forget my father and mother got in a little bit of a fight over it and my father said, 'Well, he's going to learn bad language.' My mother, who's pretty practical, said, 'Bill, he's going to learn the bad language anyway.' My per-

ception since that time is there has been a deterioration of horsemanship in racing over the years. Unfortunately pharmacology has taken over horsemanship in many cases. And you just have people abusing it.

MAT: Where do the veterinarians fit in all of this? Are they a group that can be turned to and told, 'You are part of this problem?'

DP: Yes. The AAEP has come up with great ideas and has been very supportive of the direction we're going. It kind of goes back to what I said about the trainers. I may be naïve to think most of the trainers want to do best by their horses and what's right for the game, but I would think a majority of veterinarians think the same way but for various reasons, either economic pressures or because of who they are, have pushed the envelope. As a commission we have very little control over the veterinarians. Yes in most jurisdictions they have to be licensed by the commission to practice on the backstretch, but if they do something nefarious you have to go back to where they got their original license from and we have no control over that.

It goes back to Dutrow. The commissions get blamed for people who continuously abuse the system and get away with it and continue to train or own horses, whatever the case may be, but the legal process is such that the appeals process allows people to maintain their profession while the appeals process is going forward. Then they come back to us and say, 'You didn't get rid of them.' I've had this conversation with really intelligent people. We only have so much control over this. Commissions in a lot of respect get blamed for things we have little control over. However, I will confess, certain commissions are unduly influenced by the HBPA, sort of the classic example is the inmates running the asylum. And I don't mind saying this but Louisiana is probably the poster child for this. They will only agree to the uniform rules after everybody else has.

MAT: So it's safe to say Louisiana is one the nine states not on board?

DP: Yes. Ironically enough Colorado is another. Colorado is on the other side. Colorado's executive director is a guy named Dan Hartman. Dan was chairman of the RCI four years ago. He was the one that wanted a drug-free, a completely drug-free, environment within five years. So they have refused to adopt uniform medication rules because they have no threshold levels. The only problem with that is, and this is the same in Europe, what constitutes a

States committed to the uniform medication rules initially backed by racing jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic region and now including nearly 75 percent of the states that conduct pari-mutuel racing in the U.S. will play by a different set of rules in 2014.

Different rules, yes, or at least for some. But also the same, with uniformity taking the reins from the prior setup of varied rules for therapeutic medications from state to state. The goal of a level playing field for all of American racing is not quite complete, with 26 of the 35 states that conduct pari-mutuel Thoroughbred racing supporting the uniform national medication rules.

The 26 include some—Delaware, New York and New Jersey to name just three—that are in the process of formally adopting the rules and implementing them. The process is simple and complicated, depending on the state.

Duncan Patterson, chairman of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission and the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI), called the process "fairly simplistic in Delaware as opposed to other states." In states such as Florida, which isn't yet on board even in principle, it's much more difficult and requires legislative action.

Despite those obvious and sometimes endless obstacles, the leaders of the effort were already looking ahead to the New Year as 2013 wound to a close.

"Everything seems to be progressing very smoothly," said Alan Foreman, a Maryland attorney, president of the National Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and one of the key leaders in the push toward uniformity. "All the states that are committed to the program are moving forward."

The new reality in 2014 will mean uniform threshold and withdrawal times for 24 permitted medications developed by the Racing Medication and Testing

New year, new medication rules

Consortium (RMTC) in collaboration with the RCI. The 24 medications feature 17 therapeutic drugs that include painkillers and anti-inflammatories. It will also mean uniform penalties and infractions for violations of the medication rules.

A key to the second part of that new reality is the development of an improved central database used to track multiple violations and in turn assist in handing down penalties reciprocally between jurisdictions.

"We're very far along with it and we need to be," Foreman said. "A multiple violation system doesn't work if you don't have a central database. I always said one piece of the puzzle, an important piece, was to get a system in place to identify multiple violators. To do that you need a central database."

One change to the list of 24 medications was expected to come out of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's Symposium on Racing and Gaming involving threshold levels for stanozolol, or Winstrol, since the RMTC recommended it be prohibited during its September 2013 meeting. stanozolol, an anabolic steroid, was previously allowed to be administered up to 30 days prior to racing. It is also now only available as a compounded product and can't be properly tested because it's being administered through different mixtures, according to Patterson.

The list of states on board got a significant boost when California committed to implement uniform standards by Jan. 1. Kentucky is seen as another key state to bring into the fold and it moved forward Nov. 3 when the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council approved a proposal to adopt the rules. The measure would still need to clear the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and is largely opposed by leadership of the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

—Tom Law

positive? You're putting in the responsibility and calling it a positive on the lab itself, rather than the commission dictating that X number of pico-grams constitutes a positive.

MAT: The European, or non-U.S. system, is frequently tossed around as the right way to do things. Do you agree?

DP: I've been to a couple international meetings and the big rub is that internationally everything is drug free. Not entirely. When you dig into it there's more going on than meets the eye. I can't tell you what it is, but what I've been told and what I've learned from that is that it's not as clean as you might want to be led to believe. It is more rigid certainly with Salix and the

anabolic steroid issues where they're eliminating it. The problem for us is we have 60,000 horses running in the United States. How can you do out-of-competition testing on that number of horses? It's better just to have a threshold level that science has determined does not impact the performance of the horse.

MAT: Going back to the efforts led by the Mid-Atlantic group and the push, would you say that this effort is the most significant event for the racing industry in 2013?

DP: Without question. It's probably the most significant event in the last 15, 20 years. Certainly the anabolic steroid issue was significant, but this uniformity is bigger. Twenty-four medications are believed to be therapeutic, some of them are just like aspirin, and with the threshold levels that have been established, the administration times and quantifications, everybody's on a level playing field. The horse is being protected. Consequently the riders are being protected, too.

At the last (Jockey Club) Round Table the presentation by Robert Green (of the public opinion firm Penn Schoen Berland) was very telling and about what people perceive as the major problem. The medication issue is the major problem. Unless we get that fixed we're going to continue to lose fans. There's a perception problem that is very difficult to overcome unless you do something dramatic and this is fairly dramatic.

MAT: A level-playing field is a magic catch phrase for this effort going back many years. The goal is to provide a level playing field for everybody. When do you think everything will be on a level playing field, if ever?

DP: The goal is 2014. Are we going to have 100 percent? No. No. Even though Kentucky is moving forward with it and they believe that they can. (Racing Commission executive director) John Ward is confident that they'll be on board. But the fact that they're having issues with it is disturbing. Florida is such a prominent part of racing, especially in the winter, and everybody knows they can get away with a lot of things in Florida. That's discouraging because they're held up in the legislative process.

MAT: Federal intervention is another frequently discussed topic that might be closer to reality now than say five years ago. Is federal involvement in racing a good thing or a bad thing?

DP: The push by certain people—and George Strawbridge being one of them and he's a friend of mine and we've discussed this—for federal intervention is not the answer. They talk about WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) being involved. Well WADA's ability to detect drugs is no better than most of our labs, particularly, right now the three labs that have attained the RMTC accreditation. The California lab, Ohio lab and the Kentucky lab. We have nine others that are in the process. So 12 of the 18 labs will be accredited and that represents 27 of the 35 jurisdictions.

WADA does 8,000 tests a year and you've got our labs, which do 30,000 tests a year. There's no way they'd be able to handle the volume as they're currently constituted, nor are they any better equipped than our lab. That's not the problem. It's determining medications being used that shouldn't be used. Compounders are a huge problem now. We came up with some compounded drugs at Delaware Park, we sent them off to HFL (Sport Science) Lab in Kentucky to determine what they were, and basically what they were was a substitute for TCO2. Demorphin products are compounded in different ways to make it more difficult to determine if they're being used. That's a situation that certainly the federal government, and WADA specifically, can't handle. How long did Lance Armstrong get away with what he was doing? Federal intervention is not the answer. What I would like to see is legislation drawn in Congress whereby states have to join a compact whereby model rules are passed they have to enact those model rules or they lose their simulcast ability. Small states rely on simulcasting and if they lost their simulcasting in some cases they'd be losing 95 percent of their betting. That's the answer as far as federal involvement.

George and I have had this conversation, and he is bound and determined in his mind, and Roy and Gretchen Jackson are the same way, that federal intervention is the only true answer. I strongly disagree. In one sense I see their point because they've been involved in racing for a long time and have not seen the progress. I think we're making great progress, but to basically attain that 100 percent that we talked about, I'm probably practical enough to realize that's not going to happen unless we did something with the legislative enactment that requires states to become a member of a compact. We have a compact in place right now, but have had very few states join it.

I haven't even forced it upon Delaware because there's an opt-out. So what's the point of a compact if you can opt out? It needs to be stronger. It needs to be a compact where you do not have an opt-out provision and the states have to conform to the model rules, which have been promulgated by all the jurisdictions.

It's not like that jurisdiction didn't have a say in what the model rule entails. In so many cases when it gets to the commission the HBPA or someone else uses their influence to prevent the commission from moving forward on it. It's only after huge pressure that some commission, and Louisiana being one, will enact those model rules.

MAT: Are some commissions' hands tied because of the strength of those horsemen's groups?

DP: Yes, and Kentucky being another.

MAT: So were they the biggest obstacles, maybe not at the very beginning of this initiative, but early on? Getting Kentucky on board?

DP: Kentucky wasn't as much of an obstacle in a sense that we were fairly confident they would come on board, but Kentucky's so high profile that if there were any hiccups, it might influence other states. Louisiana doesn't necessarily influence other states.

They have a huge amount of racing down there and Fair Grounds is high profile and they're run by Churchill Downs Inc. Florida, we always knew that would be extremely problematic because of the way they're set up. The whole system needs to be scrapped and put together anew. Unfortunately you've got politics involved and you're going to impact somebody's jobs and they go to their legislator and say this shouldn't happen.

The HBPA is very strong down there. Their leader, who is very influential, Kent Stirling, is basically out of touch. I would say that to his face. And that's problematic, too.

MAT: What are the next steps?

DP: Next is always a moving target. At our meeting in Tucson (during the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's Symposium on Racing and Gaming), we will eliminate the threshold levels for stanozolol, or Winstrol, because the company no longer makes it. The stanozolol all comes out of the compounders. There's no standard for that, there are different mixtures, so you can't set threshold admin-

istrative levels because what's being given the horse is not standard as far as the product itself is concerned. So stanozolol will be eliminated as an approved medication. We're going to reconsider the plasma levels for the other anabolic steroids because more research has been done and that changes.

MAT: Sounds like the classic case of the cheaters being one step ahead of the authorities.

DP: It seems like every month or so some new drug raises its ugly head and we have to approve a classification for it. For example, and I'll never forget this as long as I live, it was July 2011 that we knew demorphin was being utilized. We made it a Class 1 drug, but we didn't have a test for it until spring of 2012.

The latest drug to be classified is methylhexanamine, which is some sort of oil to increase energy and add weight to a horse. It's being promulgated as a nutritional supplement but unfortunately it's a performance enhancer. At almost every meeting we have one or two drugs that we give a new classification for. Whether it's 1, 2, 3 or 4. Most of these that raise their ugly head are 1s. This is a 1.

That's another example of what we're up against. These new drugs keep coming on board, which heretofore we didn't have knowledge of that were being utilized and we did not have a test for them. The compounders are exacerbating the problem. What's ironic is some of these compounded drugs, the latest is Purple Pain, after the RMTC looked at it, determined it had no pharmacological impact on a horse. In other words people were paying for this stuff, injecting the horse with the stuff and it didn't do anything. It didn't improve performance or necessarily decrease the pain. You're better off with Bute or banamine or anything like that. I wish that were true of all of them.

It's going to be an ongoing challenge and it's almost ironic that the people making their living off of it are the ones creating a problem. They're creating the situation that's causing us to lose 4 percent of our customers each year.

MAT: Illegal medication, improper penalties, declining attendance and suffering handle are just a few of the problems facing racing today. What are some other issues that need to be addressed near and long term?

DP: Racing would be better off if we went back 30 years or 40 years and had these smaller boutique meets, less racing,

bigger field size, more quality in the racing. But the problem is a trainer becomes a gypsy again, going from meet to meet. I can't blame people that want to settle down. But I'm pretty well convinced that the business model is not going to work in the future.

The reality is our foal crop has declined by 40 percent and is still declining, although not as dramatically. We have not really seen the real impact of that yet. The most severe impact will come next year and the next three or four years. The number of race days has not gone down in concert with that. Consequently you have short fields. That is only going to be exacerbated as we move forward. The smaller the field the less the betting. You have pressure on the racing secretaries to have horses run, so there's pressure on trainers to run horses they probably shouldn't run. It continuously cheapens the product. Unless you dramatically reduce the racing days and try to improve the quality and upgrade the number of runners, handle is going to continue to decline and the interest will continue to decline.

My office is right near my house and at lunch I usually turn on TVG and there's a race from Parx with five or six horses running for \$5,000, \$7,500, going three quarters. Is there any interest? Does that

hold your attention? No. But you only need to look at Saratoga, Keeneland, Oaklawn, Del Mar to see where racing can flourish under the right circumstances. People are writing the death knell for it. I think racing can continue to flourish but flourish differently. Smaller, shorter, more boutique race meets that emphasize the quality. Gulfstream is an example of how they've increased the quality. I was down there last summer. The crowds were there, the fields were decent, the racing was good and consequently there was good handle and good excitement there. Keeneland and Saratoga there's always a different flavor, but even Saratoga by increasing it to six weeks, you've got \$12,000, \$15,000 claimers running. It wasn't too long ago you wouldn't see anything running for, at the very least \$25,000 and more like \$50,000. *

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A Gifted Horse

*Mystic Love shows the way at \$100,000
as numbers rise for Fasig-Tipton mixed sale*

By Joe Clancy. Photographs by Lydia A. Williams.

Angie Moore puts the Lexus commercials to shame. Instead of placing a big, red ribbon on a car, she went to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale and picked out a horse as a Christmas present.

Moore's daughter Sabrina is just getting started in the Thoroughbred business, and got a significant leg up with the purchase of Mystic Love who cost \$100,000 to top the sale at Timonium, Md., Dec. 9. Now 4, the two-time stakes winner and champion Maryland-bred juvenile filly of 2012 was returned to trainers Frannie and Jessica Campitelli with eyes on a racing campaign this year. Her long-term future is in the Moore broodmare band, however.

"She seemed like a perfect horse," said Angie Moore. "She's a broodmare prospect, and we breed horses, with the chance we can race her a little bit and then make her a broodmare later. Sabrina rode, did barrel racing and one thing led to another. I want to see her succeed in this business, to make a career of it."

Purchased by Bill Reightler for Moore's Greenmount Farm, Mystic Love certainly looked the part. The dark bay/brown daughter of Not For Love turned heads in the ring and had plenty of bidders. The December sale was her second trip through the Timonium ring as she brought \$21,000 as a yearling—moving from her breeder Dark Hollow Farm to owners John and Rosalee Davison and Kenneth Greif. On the racetrack, Mystic Love won her debut on the turf at Laurel in September 2012 and later added the Selima Stakes over the same course and beat males in Gulfstream Park's Dania Beach going a mile on the turf. That 2-year-old campaign earned her Maryland-bred championship honors.



A multiple stakes winner and Maryland-bred champion at 2, Mystic Love topped Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December mixed sale at \$100,000.

Mystic Love lost all six starts in 2013, but placed in Laurel's Geisha Stakes Nov. 9, and went to the sale as a broodmare or racing prospect with a pedigree that includes Mystic Dance, Dance Fee, Dance Spell and even the great Go for Wand. Mystic Love's yearling half-brother, by Tiz Wonderful, sold for \$175,000 at Timonium in September.

Mystic Love was a good buy according to Reightler, also her consignor.

"I was thrilled," he said of the chance to bid on Mystic Love. "I don't normally do that (buy horses he sells), but Angie called me about an hour before the filly went in the ring. I thought she was an outstanding looking filly. She's well-balanced, good-sized. Fillies like her are hard to buy. You're

risking significant dollars, but the reward well outweighs the risk.”

Reightler called Mystic Love an ideal broodmare prospect. She won stakes. She’s from a strong female family. She’s the right size and type. Her new owners are establishing a program in Maryland and will foal four mares this year at a base in the Worthington Valley.

“Sabrina works hard and has done a good job with the horses they have,” said Reightler. “It’s a breeder in Maryland adding a quality mare, which helps. I’m happy to work with her and help her get started. Maybe I can help head off some mistakes.”

As for Moore, the purchase process brought a little stress.

“I was scared and I didn’t know I had her, I thought we lost her,” she said. “I asked myself if I could go any higher. I didn’t think I could and then I got her anyway. It’s all a little nerve-wracking.”

Like any good Christmas-shopping trip.

Royalty for sale

The old gray mare walked into the ring like it was all a little beneath her. Soon to be 16, with 10 foals on the ground and another on the way, she would have just as soon been out in a field or lazing in a sunny run-in shed.

But there she was in Timonium, luring bids from some big names around the room and on the phone lines. Consigned by Bluewater Sales for Virginians Susie and Pug Hart, Tizsweet was one of the names mentioned in any pre-sale talk and lived up to it with a \$63,000 sale to agent John Stuart on behalf of Calumet Farm. The full-sister to Horse of the Year and top stallion Tiznow, in foal to Trappe Shot,



Tizsweet, a 16-year-old full-sister to Tiznow in foal to Trappe Shot, joins the broodmare band at Kentucky’s Calumet Farm after a \$63,000 purchase.

will join the broodmare band at the famed Kentucky farm now owned by Brad Kelley.

Like everybody else, Calumet was interested because of Tizsweet’s pedigree. She’s by Cee’s Tizzy out of Cee’s Song and her siblings include \$6.4 million earner Tiznow, \$2.8 million earner Budroyale, stakes winner and stakes producer Tizdubai, stakes winner Tizbud. Full-sisters Tizamazing and Tizso produced Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Oxbow and Haskell Invitational-G1 winner Paynter, respectively.

“Calumet has bought most of the family and Oxbow was the owner’s first classic winner so he was going to have her,” Stuart said. “He’ll be very happy. She was purchased simply because she’s a sister to the dam of Oxbow and they love Oxbow. She goes straight to the big farm.”

The Harts purchased Tizsweet for \$42,000 in January 2013. They have a Gio Ponti yearling colt out of her and Bluewater’s Meg Levy brought the mare to Timonium in hopes of being “a big fish

TOP SALES HORSES

\$100,000 Mystic Love, dk.b./br.f., 2010, Not For Love—Memories of Mystic, by Dixie Union (Md.); Bill Reightler, agent; Greenmount Farm, Bill Reightler, agent.

\$92,000 b.c., 2013, Kitten’s Joy—Right On It, by E Dubai (N.Y.); McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC, agent; Highclere Inc.

\$63,000 Tizsweet, gr./ro.m., 1998, Cee’s Tizzy—Cee’s Song, by Seattle Song (in foal to Trappe Shot); Bluewater Sales LLC agent; Calumet Farm, John Stuart, agent.

\$62,000 ch.f., 2013, Trappe Shot—Exe, by Exchange Rate (Ky); Bluewater Sales LLC, agent; Machmer Hall.

\$57,000 gr./ro.f., 2013, High Cotton—Grey Traffic, by Numerous (W.Va.); Takaro Farm; Terry Gabriel.

\$45,000 Ms. Tiptaptoe, ch.m., 2008, Tapit—Princess Willow, by Silver Deputy; Three Diamonds Farm, Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agent; Bill Reightler, agent.

\$41,000 Madison’s Royalty, dk.b./br.m., 2009, Langfuhr—Madison’s Charm, by Capote (in foal to Not For Love); Rich Meadow Farm, Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agent; McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC.

\$40,000 b.f., 2013, Drosselmeyer—Darnestown, by Williamstown (Pa.);

Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott) Agent; Classic Bloodstock.

\$40,000 Pretty Miss Trippi, ch.m., 2006, Trippi—Passionate Terri, by Unzipped; Larry E. Rabold, Brown’s Racing Stable, agent; Machmer Hall.

\$33,000 dk.b./br.c., 2013, Not For Love—Sagamoan, by Malibu Moon (Md.); Bill Reightler agent; Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services Inc.

\$33,000 More Than Magic, dk.b./br.m., 2006, More Than Ready—Magical Meadow, by Meadowlake (in foal to Quality Road); Legacy Farm; Hickory Ridge Farm.



Part of a second group of weanlings at the end of the sale, this Kitten's Joy colt brought \$92,000 to top the weanling results.

in a smaller pond.” Levy brought along a Trappe Shot weanling filly (who went for \$62,000) for the Harts as well and it all worked out.

“We added her to the consignment because we thought it would be good to have an example of a Trappe Shot foal to show people,” said the Kentucky-based Levy. “You have to have the horses to make it worth your while because it costs us money to leave home and we felt like they were worth it.”

Late, but live

After a weekend snowstorm, a long day and almost 200 horses, sales-goers could be excused a little fatigue—until the right horse walked in the ring.

Hip 206, a weanling colt by Kitten's Joy, brought some afternoon life to the pavilion as bids ricocheted around like so many snowballs hurled by neighborhood kids enjoying the day off from school. Sales staffers had three bidders on the phone, and there were plenty in the pavilion too. Breeder and consigner Joe McMahon took a step forward, leaned against the side wall, crossed his arms, watched the scene and smiled as the board ticked upward—\$40,000, \$45,000, 60, 70... 80, 85, 87, 90, and finally \$92,000. Stuart Morris signed the ticket for his father Jeffry's Highclere Farm. The Kentuckians will likely sell the New York-bred at Sara-

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Bill Reightler, agt. (25)	\$285,900
Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agt. (16)	219,400
McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC, agt. (6)	176,500
Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (15)	149,600
Bluewater Sales LLC, agt. (2)	125,000
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (11)	97,300
Becky Davis Inc., agt. (7)	58,900
Takaro Farm (1)	57,000
Sally Thomas, agt. (6)	52,000
Legacy Farm (4)	41,000

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Machmer Hall (2)	\$102,000
Greenmount Farm, Bill Reightler, agt. (1)	100,000
Terry Gabriel (4)	94,000
Highclere (1)	92,000
Classic Bloodstock (3)	65,000
Calumet Farm, John Stuart, agt. (1)	63,000
Machmer Hall and MJK Bloodstock (2)	48,000
Bill Reightler, agt. (1)	45,000
McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds (1)	41,000
Doug and Martha King (3)	36,700

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE, THREE OR MORE SOLD

McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC, agt. (6)	\$29,417
Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agt. (16)	13,713
Bill Reightler, agt. (25)	11,436
Legacy Farm (4)	10,250
Dark Hollow, agt. (3)	10,167
Northview Stallion Station (David Wade), agt. (15)	9,973
Black Horse Tavern LLC (3)	9,367
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (11)	8,845
Sally Thomas, agt. (6)	8,667
Becky Davis Inc., agt. (7)	8,414

LEADING SIRES OF WEANLINGS BY GROSS

Kitten's Joy (1)	\$92,000
Not For Love (3)	63,000
Trappe Shot (1)	62,000
High Cotton (1)	57,000
Drosselmeyer (1)	40,000
Friesan Fire (2)	39,000
Here Comes Ben (2)	38,000
Discreet Cat (1)	27,000
Hennessy (1)	26,000
Artie Schiller (1)	25,000

toga next summer, but they liked what they bought—even if they weren't sure he was going to be theirs.

"That was our last volley, we were done," said Stuart Morris. "I thought I had him bought at 70. It hung and I thought I might get him. Then it went again. I bid 87 and my dad called me back and if he hadn't we wouldn't have got him. I was told to go to 75-85. I called him and couldn't get him and he called me back right as they were at 87."

When other bidders countered, the son had to lean on the father, just a little.

"Well, what is he worth?" Jeffry asked Stuart as the price reached \$90,000.

"He's worth a hundred-and-a-half next year all day," Stuart responded. "If we're wrong for 87, we might as well be wrong for 92, Dad, let's go."

Dad went, son nodded and the horse left the ring bound for Kentucky. The

Morris liked the chance to buy a weanling by Kitten's Joy, arguably the hottest stallion in the country.

"When he got off the truck, I was there Saturday to see him," said Morris, easily spotted at a sale in a proper cowboy hat. "I see a lot of Kitten's Joys, there are a lot of things in him that lead me to believe he'll evolve, just little things about the horse, nuanced things about the baby conformation wise. He's the kind of horse we like to buy and coming from a place like the McMaho's it's nice buying a nice horse where you know he is what he is coming off their farm."

McMahon brought a consignment of 11 south from Saratoga and was pleased with the results—especially the Kitten's Joy weanling.

"We didn't bring any horses here we weren't proud of so we were thinking as strong as the market's been we should do all right," McMahon said. "(Hip 206) was

really a nice horse, better than a lot of the Kitten's Joys. There's more hip, more scope to him. He's just a really attractive horse. We were kind of torn about selling him, but with the market so good I just decided I ought to try. If I got 60 or 70 thousand I was going to sell him. There were lots of people on the horse."

Before the Kitten's Joy colt, weanling fillies were the story as three brought \$40,000 or more. Hip 144, a daughter of Trappe Shot, led the way at \$62,000. Kentucky's Machmer Hall made the purchase from Bluewater Sales. The chestnut is out of stakes winner Exe and from the family of stakes winners High Tech Friend, Sergeant Stroh and others.

Louisiana horseman Terry Gabriel went to \$57,000 to buy Hip 150, a West Virginia-bred daughter of High Cotton consigned by Takaro Farm. The gray/roan filly is out of stakes-placed winner Grey Traffic. Gabriel bought four horses in Timonium

YEAR-BY-YEAR FIGURES FOR FASIG-TIPTON DECEMBER MIXED SALE SINCE ITS INAUGURAL IN 1984

Year	No. sold	Average	Gross	RNAs	Top Price	
2013	133	\$11,404	\$1,516,700	28%	\$100,000	Mystic Love, 10 f., by Not For Love
2012	140	8,216	1,150,200	28%	\$100,000	wlg.f. by Read the Footnotes
2011	260	14,382	3,739,350	23%	\$260,000	brm. Salty Romance (by Salt Lake), in foal to Cosmonaut
2010	158	6,127	968,100	43%	\$130,000	Baltimore Belle, 07 f., by Bowman's Band
2009	169	4,593	776,300	37%	\$95,000	brm. Crystal Bull (by Holy Bull), in foal to Pollard's Vision
2008	186	6,287	1,169,400	37%	\$65,000	brm. Colonial Ball (by Pleasant Colony), in foal to Henny Hughes
2007	287	7,166	2,056,500	39%	\$62,000	wlg.c. by Golden Missile
2006	338	7,924	2,678,300	34%	\$95,000	wlg.c. by Tapit
						wlg.c. by Two Punch
2005	375	9,328	3,497,900	32%	\$140,000	brm. Your Out (by Allen's Prospect), in foal to Lion Hearted
2004	363	10,640	3,862,300	21%	\$160,000	wlg.c. by Malibu Moon
2003	360	7,506	2,702,300	22%	\$150,000	wlg.f. by Malibu Moon
2002	378	6,557	2,478,600	30%	\$103,000	wlg.f. by Silver Charm
2001	448	7,881	3,530,500	23%	\$100,000	wlg.f. by Citidancer
2000	566	7,625	4,315,700	20%	\$142,000	brm. Poised to Pounce (by Smarten), in foal to Polish Numbers
1999	483	11,198	5,408,700	16%	\$240,000	wlg.c. by Boston Harbor
1998	437	8,423	3,680,700	15%	\$120,000	brm. Final Deputy (by Deputy Minister), in foal to Two Punch
1997	428	6,273	2,685,000	18%	\$75,000	brm. Truth and Beauty (by Private Terms), in foal to Two Punch
1996	391	5,831	2,280,100	14%	\$65,000	brm. Lady Bering (by Lord Gaylord), in foal to Not For Love
1995	364	4,266	1,552,900	17%	\$29,000	wlg.f. by Caveat
1994	346	4,688	1,621,900	14%	\$33,000	wlg.f. by Star de Naskra
1993	403	5,181	2,088,100	9%	\$55,000	brm. House of Love (by Deputy Minister), in foal to Carson City
1992	418	3,392	1,417,800	16%	\$40,000	brm. Habar (by Track Barron), in foal to Carnivalay
1991	285	3,467	988,200	17%	\$75,000	wlg.c. by Pleasant Colony
1990	226	4,075	921,100	22%	\$31,000	wlg.f. by Relaunch
1989	255	4,012	1,023,000	32%	\$40,000	brm. Stachys (by Northern Jove), in foal to Waquoit
1988	242	2,432	588,600	11%	\$52,000	brm. Spring Social (by Spring Double), in foal to Golden Act
1987	363	2,580	936,400	15%	\$40,000	brm. Wonder Mar (by Fire Dancer), in foal to El Baba
1986	333	2,744	913,800	25%	\$25,000	(2) brm. Tweal (by In Reality), in foal to Gregorian; ylg.f. by Gregorian
1985	228	2,892	659,400	24%	\$31,000	brm. Chris' Venture (by *Hawaii), in foal to It's Freezing
1984	154	4,920	757,700	30%	\$50,000	3-y-o.f. Little Fuzzy (by Turn and Count)

Prices and statistics for 1995 are exclusive of Cohen dispersal.

in part because of a strong market elsewhere.

"That's probably a little too much money, but they're hard to get your hands on right now," he said of the High Cotton filly. "If you have one that hits all the marks, and she had some live black type and a lot of good stuff, you've got to pay for them. I buy horses here occasionally, but we'd been shut out in November."

Gabriel said the filly would go to Louisiana and probably turn up at a yearling sale next year or a 2-year-old sale in 2015.

Hip 140, a Pennsylvania-bred weanling filly, sold to Classic Bloodstock and completed an all-Timonium, one-year, two-horse pinhook. Last year, owner/breeder Lizzie Merryman spent \$18,000 on the broodmare Darnestown (in foal to Drosselmeyer). This year, Merryman sold Darnestown (in foal to Great Notion) for \$10,000 and the Drosselmeyer filly for \$40,000 through the Charlton consignment of Rick and Dixie Abbott.

Numbers

Overall, numbers were strong at the sale and increased over the 2012 session with the gross passing \$1.5 million for 133 horses sold compared with less than \$1.2 million for 140 sold in 2012.

Out-of-towners felt some buzz and attributed it—at least in part—to Maryland-bred purse incentives and optimism in the marketplace.

"There were good prices for those foals and a little healthier market," said Levy. "I don't know if the Maryland-bred program is turning things around, but the mood was positive and that helps a sale."

Timonium veteran McMahon, who sold six, agreed and was also pleased with the reception to weanlings by the farm's new stallion Here Comes Ben.

"I'm glad to see Maryland coming back," he said. "I've

been coming here since probably 1974 and I've seen it really tough, really horrible, then get better, then go back and I think this was a good, strong sale. That's a good sign. There was money for good horses. I was real happy."

Kentuckian Morris was active at the sale, relaying bids via phone to clients and actively trying to "give people money" as he put it.

He bought the top-priced weanling for his father, who annually takes horses to Fasig-Tipton's summer yearling sale in Saratoga.

"It's a fair market," Morris said of Timonium. "You don't feel like, when you leave here, that you've overpaid for anything. You've paid, but you haven't overpaid. It's fair value, whereas in some of the other marketplaces you can get into the steam, the speed and gas of a market where you can get inflated prices just because of the marketplace on the day. It's a good, solid market. Guys in this part of the world are good horsemen; they raise a good horse. It's a place you can buy quality horses."

Reightler, a local, welcomes the out-of-town participation and the boost a strong sale adds to Maryland's Thoroughbred economy.

He singled out broodmares from his consignment Moon Meeting Too (\$20,000) and Tenacious Traci (\$6,000) as "really good buys" and talked about bargains in the mare pool.

"Mares seem like they're going to be the last ones to see an increase," Reightler said of sales prices. "People are going to realize how good this (Maryland-bred) bonus program is and then they'll recognize they need to buy mares. Buyers in this business are opportunists and all we have to do is show them a catalogue with horses they can use and they'll come here." ★

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The Right Fit

Apprentice Keiser opens eyes, racks up victories, supporters in Maryland, region

BY DAN TORDJMAN



Former Ohio college student Chelsey Keiser has found success as an apprentice in the tough Laurel Park jockey colony.

Chelsey Keiser can hardly sit still. Unlike many young riders, there's no timidity in her. She overflows with positivity and exudes a relentless exuberance. There's also a toughness about her, which comes as no surprise when you consider she was raised on barrel racing. If Keiser possesses any insecurities, they certainly aren't visible in her demeanor on a horse or in a recent interview about her rapid ascent up the Laurel Park jockey standings.

"I set my goals high," she said. "Being in the top 10 riders now, I'd like to be leading rider next."

The 21-year-old knows what she wants and she's known it for a while. Just a few years ago, she was a student at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and, excuse the pun, being there just didn't feel right.

The outgoing kid from North Star, Ohio, was dealing with an internal struggle and knew she belonged somewhere else.

Keiser remembers spending most of her time at school thinking about the horses her parents, Michael and Deborah, trained back home. In her mind, Keiser had also begun plotting out a plan to become a professional jockey.

"So, I made an agreement with my mom," Keiser said. "My mom said, 'You get two years to try it and if it doesn't work, you've got to come back home, go back to school and start over.'"

There was a time earlier this year, like when Keiser won just one race from 54 mounts at Pimlico Race Course, when even Keiser admits she didn't know if it was going to work. Midway through the Laurel Park fall meeting and it appears that time of uncertainty has passed.

"Thankfully, I can say, I haven't had to go back to school yet," Keiser said while laughing, "and I'd be OK with not going back."

Despite not being in a classroom, Keiser has still gotten quite the education on life as a jockey from several mentors. After leaving her family farm in Ohio, Keiser moved to Florida. There, she began galloping and breezing "babies" for noted horseman Nick de Meric.

"I learned more there in four months than I did in two years of college," Keiser said.

But it would soon become evident that what Keiser possessed as a rider was something that couldn't be taught. It was something intangible, yet instantly visible to Eddie Warner. An assistant trainer to Hugh McMahon, Warner said he first laid

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Bullsbay El Padrino Fairbanks Jump Start Medallist Silver Train Smarty Jones

Around the Ovals *Laurel Park*

eyes on Keiser while on a jockey-scouting mission at Colonial Downs.

"Hugh told me to find someone who looked decent on a horse," Warner said. "So, I checked out people galloping on the track and looked for people who looked relaxed with the horses and got along with their horses well. (Keiser) just stood out. It just looked like it was such a natural thing for her."

That encounter led to an invitation to Maryland, where Keiser would work horses for McMahon. Again, Keiser saw it as an opportunity to get an education on horses and was able to develop physical strength, as well as a mental clock while on the horses she was breezing.

"She's got a great mindset," Warner said. "She's always bubbly and happy. She gets along with people great, which is definitely important in this business. . . and she always wants to learn more and more."

Nearly a year after setting off on her mission to become a jockey, Keiser finally got an opportunity to ride in a race in March. In her fifth start, she won her first race, for Jason Egan and Joan Everett, aboard a horse named Smileforthecamera. Incidentally, you'd be hard pressed to find a picture of Keiser aboard a horse in which she isn't grinning from ear to ear.

"The connection I have and the passion I have for the horses is why I got into riding," Keiser said. "The other stuff is all a

bonus. Sometimes, getting paid is a bonus. You need it to survive but I really enjoy getting that picture at the end of the day."

Despite the aforementioned rough patch at Pimlico, Keiser bounced back quite impressively at Laurel this past fall, collecting her fair share of winner's circle pictures in the process. She scored on a couple of longshots early in the meet and then officially announced her arrival on the Mid-Atlantic jockey scene when she scored her first stakes win in the Maryland Million Starter Handicap aboard Tooth N Claw.

"It was unbelievable," Keiser said. "Walking back and seeing all of the flowers and the people, it was quite exciting and it was cool that I got to win my first trophy.

November Stakes Results for Laurel Park

11/9 City of Laurel (\$100K). 7F. 3YO.

Winner: **RES JUDICATA** (ch.g., Smarty Jones—Mohonour, by Honour and Glory). B: Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.). O: Someday Farm. T: John Servis. J: Kendrick Carmouche. Time: 1:23.09. Winning margin: 4¼ lengths. 2nd: **Souper Knight**. 3rd: **City of Weston**.

11/9 Geisha (\$100K). 1 mi. Reg. MD-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **ACCESS TO CHARLIE** (dk.b./br.m., 5, Indian Charlie—Media Access, by Devil's Bag). B: Sondra & Howard Bender (Md.). O: Howard Bender. T: Larry Murray. J: Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:39.56. Winning margin: neck. 2nd: **Monster Sleeping**. 3rd: **Mystic Love**.

11/9 Japan Racing Association (\$100K). 1¼ mi., turf. 3&up.

Winner: **SLIP AND DRIVE** (b.h., 5, Artie Schiller—The Green Owl, by Carson City). B: John T. Crane Jr. & Margaret M. Crane (Md.). O: Jer-Mar Stable LLC. T: McLean Robertson. J: C.H. Marquez Jr. Time: 1:42.87. Winning margin: nose. 2nd: **Roadhog**. 3rd: **Super Chunky**.

11/9 Safely Kept (\$100K). 7F. 3YO F.

Winner: **LADY SABELIA** (dk.b./br.f., Majestic Warrior—Terra Maria, by Citidancer). B/O: Mrs. Frank P. Wright (Ky.). T: Robin L. Graham. J: Horacio Karamanos. Time: 1:23.97. Winning margin: 1¾ lengths. 2nd: **Flattering Bea**. 3rd: **Crazy About Me**.

11/16 Dave's Friend (\$100K). 6F. 3&up.

Winner: **SERVICE FOR TEN** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Service Stripe—Tenacious Cheryl, by Wild Zone). B: Mr. & Mrs. Sidney B. Cox Jr. (Va.). O: Mark B. Lapidus LLC. T: Damon R. Dilodovico. J: Sheldon Russell. Time: 1:10.32. Winning margin: 1½ lengths. 2nd: **Escrow Kid**. 3rd: **Rainbow Heir**.

11/16 James F. Lewis III (\$100K). 6F. 2YO.

Winner: **JESSETHEMARINE** (dk.b./br.c., With Distinction—Greek Key, by Mineshaft). B: Dream Builder Racing LLC (Fla.). O: Manfred Roos and John Rigattieri. T: John Rigattieri. J: Daniel Centeno. Time: 1:10.66. Winning margin: neck. 2nd: **Pure Sensation**. 3rd: **It's a Bang**.

11/16 Jennings (\$100K). 1 mi. Reg. MD-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **EIGHTTOFASTOCATCH** (ch.g., 7, Not For Love—Too Fast to Catch, by Nice Catch). B: Dark Hollow Farm & Herringwell Stable (Md.). O: Sylvia E. Heft. T: Timothy L. Keefe. J: Forest Boyce. Time: 1:36.76. Winning margin: 6 lengths. 2nd: **Wild Louis**. 3rd: **Concealed Identity**.

11/16 Smart Halo (\$100K). 6F. 2YO F.

Winner: **BACOPA BREEZE** (ch.f., Visionaire—Dakota Rae, by Stephen Got Even). B: Crowning Point Farm (Ky.). O: Michael A. Foster. T: William D. Cowans. J: Erick D. Rodriguez. Time: 1:12.34. Winning margin: ¾ length. 2nd: **Co Cola**. 3rd: **Who's In Town**.



Pennsylvania-bred Res Judicata won the \$100,000 City of Laurel for owner Someday Farm.



Virginia-bred Service for Ten won the \$100,000 Dave's Friend for owner Mark Lapidus.

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3 GSWs
\$4.3 Million
Progeny Earnings

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2YO won Belmont's Matron S.-G2, Sorority S.
by 8 1/4 lengths

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF (\$1,535,913)

won Prairie Meadows Cornhusker H.-G3

Plus

SAN PABLO (G3, \$595,000) – won Belmont's Criminal Type S., 2nd Philip H. Iselin S.-G3, by head
WILLET – won Aqueduct's Touch of Love S. on 12/6, Saratoga's Union Avenue S., Belmont's Princess Dixie S.

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The Dance to Bristol retirement ceremony was both joyous and tearful for the connections of the Bowie-based Grade 1 winner.



Jessthemarine gets to the wire first after charging up the rail to defeat 11 others in the \$100,000 James F. Lewis III Stakes for 2-year-olds for owners Manfred Roos and John Rigattieri, who also trains.

I was so grateful for Ann (Merryman) putting me on the horse and having the confidence in me."

According to Keiser and Merryman, the circumstances surrounding Keiser even getting the mount on Tooth N Claw boiled down to pure chance. Keiser had been named to ride the Gators N Bears colt in a previous race at Delaware Park in September, to maintain an apprentice weight allowance. Merryman hardly knew anything about Keiser at that point, and she didn't think Tooth N Claw had much of a chance to win the race either.

"She rode him great and he finished second," Merryman said. "Then I had another one at Penn (National) and I let

her ride that one. That horse ran second, too, and I've had her on everything I've run since."

At the time of the interview for this article, Keiser had won five races in a row for Merryman. That streak abruptly ended in a race following the interview, as projected by Merryman when she playfully suggested that *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* would "jinx" her new go-to rider. Speaking seriously, Merryman said she couldn't be more impressed with everything she has seen from Keiser.

"She's one of these people who has been around horses her whole life and she's got a lot of background that I respect," Merryman said. "She listens to the horse.

She doesn't come into the race with some preconceived notion. She's got steel nerves and rides with no ego, which is what I like about her."

Perhaps the greatest compliment that can be leveled on Keiser is a contextual one, which Merryman pointed out. It also provides added perspective into just how impressive it is that Keiser has had so much success on the Mid-Atlantic circuit.

"For her to even be holding her own right now with (Victor) Carrasco, (Jevian) Toledo and (Trevor) McCarthy is kudos to her," Merryman said. "Rarely does a bug ever come out and have to compete with such a steep field of other bug riders. In any other year, Chelsey would be getting a lot more rides than she is getting right now."

For now, Keiser is making the most of her opportunities. As resolute as she's been in attacking her riding goals, she's far from myopic and gives much of the credit for her success to people like Merryman, Warner and other trainers such as Jose Corrales. You can add to that list the first trainers who ever helped Keiser—her parents. She has a very strong relationship with them and has even won a race for them. She hopes to experience the thrill of winning a race for her parents again, which she ranks as one of her most memorable victories along with her first win and the stakes win.

"I'd like to bring home here," Keiser said. "I keep telling my mom to move out here. For one, I wouldn't have to pay rent then."

If she keeps riding the way she has been, Keiser shouldn't have to worry about paying rent or about coming up on the short end of the deal that she initially made with her mother. Keiser might not be going back to school anytime soon but she's certainly making the most of the education she's already gotten in her young career.

TEARFUL FAREWELL

Before Dance to Bristol even made it into the Laurel winner's circle for a special retirement ceremony Nov. 16, Xavier Perez was already fighting back tears.

"Since they told me she was going to be retired after the Breeders' Cup, I've been thinking since that day and it's been hard for me," Perez said.

Perez rode the Bowie-based filly to seven consecutive wins in 2013, capped off with a victory in the Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga in August. Dance to

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incl. \$100,000 River Cities S.

WELL ACQUAINTED (Ire) - 3YO won Investec
Surrey S. at Epsom

AARONS ORIENT – 2YO won Saratoga MSW,
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by 3 3/4 lengths

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Bristol also punched Perez's ticket to his first Breeders' Cup in November. Despite finishing mid-pack in the Grade 1 Filly and Mare Sprint, she still took Perez on a ride he'll never forget.

"It's a feeling I can't explain," Perez said. "I'm going to miss her. I'm going to miss her forever."

The same can be said for adoring fans that pressed up against the fencing above the winner's circle to get a closer look at Dance to Bristol. Many snapped pictures and clapped throughout the ceremony.

Perez was consoled by other members of the Dance to Bristol team, who appeared equally sad during the ceremony, including her owner, Susan Wantz, and trainer, Ollie Figgins III. Dance to Bristol will enjoy her retirement at Mill Ridge Farm in Lexington, Ky. She's scheduled to be bred to Claiborne Farm's top sire War Front in 2014.

JESSETHEMARINE UPSETS LEWIS

It wasn't quite as dramatic as Mine That Bird shooting up the rail to win the 2009 Kentucky Derby-G1, but Jessethemarine likely made some people reach for their program and ask, "who was that horse?" when he won the Nov. 16 James F. Lewis III Stakes for 2-year-olds. Like the aforementioned Derby winner, Jessethemarine made a late rally up the rail to score at nearly 36-1.

"I was a little surprised," said Jessethemarine's trainer John Rigattieri, who co-owns the colt with Manfred Roos. "In a 12-horse field, I knew he had to come from way out of it. So yeah, it was surprising, but not totally, because I knew the horse could run a little."

Despite being dismissed in the parimutuel wagering, the With Distinction colt entered the 6-furlong stakes with two wins in three starts. One of those wins came in the Whirling Ash Stakes in September at Delaware Park.

The Lewis win also added to Rigattieri's training resume. Based in New England, he has done well while wintering in Maryland for more than a decade. In October, he and jockey Daniel Centeno teamed up to win the Maryland Million Distaff with Maddy's Dance.

"I like it here," Rigattieri said. "People treat you good, it's a good place to race and now the purses are up."

MILESTONE FOR NESS

Jamie Ness had plenty to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day, as the 6-year-old



Mrs. Frank P. Wright's homebred Lady Sabelia, a daughter of Majestic Warrior sent out by trainer Robin Graham, captured the \$100,000 Safety Kept Stakes for 3-year-old fillies in her stakes debut.

Funny Frolic gelding Caylee's Song won for a \$6,250 claiming tag to give the trainer his 2,000th career victory. Noticeably absent in the winner's circle following the race, Ness explained his holiday itinerary and how he caught the milestone win.

"I had gone down to Tampa to spend Thanksgiving with my family," Ness said, "and I was watching it from my iPad at the Thanksgiving dinner table."

Ness said the days leading up to his 2,000th score were filled with excitement and some anxiety. In the race preceding the win by Caylee's Song, another Ness-trainee, Pelican Cove, lost by just a head. Ness was relieved that he didn't have too much longer to reach the milestone.

"It's been a long road," Ness said. "I started out 0-for-40 when I first got my trainer's license. There have been ups and downs but I really enjoy my career as a horse trainer and I hope to continue on the rest of my life."

Ness, 39, has finished first or second in the nation in wins every year since 2010, the year in which he won his 1,000th race.

FIELD SIZES TREND UPWARD

Maryland racing officials are extremely happy with a spike in field sizes at Laurel. Georganne Hale, Maryland Jockey Club director of racing and racing secretary, said the positive trend indicates that Maryland is becoming a destination for horsemen in the Mid-Atlantic and elsewhere.

"I attribute that to the number of trainers who have asked to be stabled with us this winter," Hale said. "Because of our purses, best turf course, great dirt course, and the Maryland Owners' Bonuses, I have had a large number of trainers from Monmouth, Suffolk, Delaware and Woodbine ask to come here this winter."

Two months into the fall meet, Laurel averaged 8.7 starters per race (2,977 in 342 races), according to Mike Gathagan, vice-president of communications for the Maryland Jockey Club. Gathagan also noted that field sizes for turf races were "impressive," with 1,234 starters in 118 races (10.5 starters per race). Ninety-five of the races have also featured 10 or more starters. *



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'Moon' on the rise

Flower Alley filly Chasing the Moon impresses before strong stakes debut

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY



Chasing the Moon set herself up for stakes competition with a front-running maiden score in early November.

Trainer Steve Brown doesn't start many young horses, so when he unveils a 2-year-old it's usually one with a bright future.

Such was the case when Brown sent out Alexander Levengood's Chasing the Moon in early October. The Flower Alley filly was dismissed at 23-1, endured a troubled trip and had the misfortune of meeting a talented runner named Rebel Rosemary, yet rallied to finish second behind that rival.

Brown brought Chasing the Moon back Nov. 2 in a \$35,000 maiden special weight for Pennsylvania-breds, and it turned out to be her lucky day. Smooth sailing on the front end and no Rebel Rosemarys translated into a 2¼-length victory as she defeated 10 rivals under Garry Cruise.

"She's a genuine, honest filly," Brown said. "I rarely get them to the races at 2, but she dragged us here. She gives us 100 percent all the time, in the morning and in her (first) two races."

Chasing the Moon returned 25 days after her maiden victory to finish third, again at long odds, in the \$75,500 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes during the Thanksgiving eve program. The Tony Dutrow-trained Exchange Rate filly Gracer won the Blue Mountain by 3¾ lengths with Raging Smoke 7¼ lengths clear of the nearly 39-1 Chasing the Moon in the field of six.

Brown, the husband of trainer Shellaine Brown, said Chasing the Moon's looks are deceiving.

"She's not very big, and when you see her she seems kind of ordinary, there's nothing very impressive about her," Brown said. "We've breezed her with bigger and better horses, and she's definitely an over-achiever. She's very athletic and balanced."

Brown trains about 20 horses at Penn National, and resides in nearby Annville with Shellaine, to whom he's been married for 28 years. He began training in 1978, and one of the best horses he's conditioned was Alphabulous, winner of Ellis Park's Grade 3 Gardenia Handicap in 1994.

The couple part ways in late spring—Shellaine heads to Delaware Park to oversee a string, while Steve remains in Pennsylvania.

"Through the years we've also bred horses and sold them at auction, and raised a family right in the middle of it," Steve Brown said.

The couple prepared and sold horses under the name Tree of Life, and sold a top-priced filly at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale, when Jan, Mace and Samantha Siegel went to \$155,000 for a filly by Gold Fever out of Benza, by Slew o' Gold, later named Gold Gold Gold.

The Browns also bred Volley Ball, a son of A. P. Jet out of Verbal Volley, by Oh Say, who won the \$50,000 Storm Cat Stakes at Philadelphia Park in 2001. Sold by Tree of Life at the 2000 Eastern Fall sale for \$115,000 to Ben Perkins, Volley Ball was named champion Pennsylvania-bred 2-year-old male of 2001.

Through live racing at the end of November, Steve Brown had won nine of 50 starts nationwide through Dec. 2, including a mark of 6-for-31 at Penn National. He'd won 1,152 races and purses of \$10,256,447 in his career through that same date.

■ The two stars of trainer Sandee Martin Beattie's barn, Dr. Bill Solomon's Rebel Rosemary and her own Rock Bottom Ranch's Reign Suzanne, shined brightly in early November before fifth-place finishes in stakes, and a newcomer from Canada also fared well for the stable.

Rebel Rosemary, a Coastal Storm filly bred by Solomon, ran her record to 2-for-2 when she rolled to a 1-length victory in a \$34,720 allowance at 6 furlongs Nov. 1. The win pushed her bankroll to \$43,320 and she added a bit more when fifth in the Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Nov. 27. Rebel Rosemary was foaled and raised at Solomon's Pin Oak Lane Farm in



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CEE 'N O – 3rd Grade 3 Arlington-Washington Futurity in 2nd start

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Other 2013 Stakes Horses include:

NEVADA KID – won \$200,000 Claiming Crown Jewel S. at Gulfstream

TWIST OF SILVER – won Indian Maid S.

LUCKY RAG DOLL – won/placed in all 5 starts, incl. 3rd Monmouth Oaks-G3

ZETTERHOLM – 3rd Aqueduct's Move It Now S., SW in 2012 and 4th Preakness S.-G1



SILVER VALLEY takes
the lead at the top
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Around the Ovals *Penn National*

New Freedom, Pa., where Coastal Storm entered stud in 2002.

"Rebel Rosemary was a well-conformed horse from birth," Solomon said. "Not particularly tall, but quite stout, with an exceptional hip and shoulder. She has a beautiful head with expressive eyes. She's a half-sister to Hygh Jacque, who had been a nice stakes performer for me a few years ago. Hygh Jacque (an earner of \$165,055) now has a Coastal Storm colt by her side and is in foal to Lite the Fuse."

Solomon said that he still has Rebel Rose, a 13-year-old daughter of Sword Dance (Ire), the dam of Rebel Rosemary and Hygh Jacque, and she has a just turned 2-year-old full-sister to Rebel Rosemary named The Last Rose, and a yearling colt by Unbridled Energy. Her 2010 son by Siphon (Brz), Open Rebellion, was a winner in maiden special weight company in 2013.

Solomon, an equine veterinarian, has owned and operated Pin Oak Lane Farm

for 40 years. He was Pennsylvania's leading breeder through the end of October, according to the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association.

Beattie was the fourth-leading trainer at Penn National through Dec. 2, popping at 29 percent, while her Rock Bottom Ranch was the Grantville oval's leading owner through the same period. Reign Suzanne, a daughter of Street Hero who began her career at Woodbine in 2012, collected the eighth win of her 3-year-old season Nov.

Ben's Cat fabulous again



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Remarkable Maryland-bred Ben's Cat recorded his 19th stakes victory when he captured the \$250,000 Fabulous Strike Handicap during the Thanksgiving eve program that kicked off with four stakes Nov. 27 at Penn National Race Course.

A now 8-year-old son of former Maryland stallion Parker's Storm Cat won the inaugural Fabulous Strike in 2012. The race was named in honor of the Grade 1-winning millionaire who called Penn National home during his career from 2005-'11.

Regular rider Julian Pimentel was aboard Ben's Cat for the 6-furlong stakes, in which he was sent off as the third betting choice behind the Louis Quatorze gelding Ribo Bobo, seeking his 10th

straight victory, and Midwest invader Good Morning Diva.

Known for his patented late run, Ben's Cat did just that once again for owner/trainer/breeder King Leatherbury. Ribo Bobo rushed up to take the lead early, setting a swift pace of :22:37 and :44.88, as Ben's Cat rated in third and off the rail. Ribo Bobo maintained a 1-length lead around the turn but Ben's Cat had him in the crosshairs at the top of the stretch.

Pimentel angled outside his rival and drew on even terms down the lane, with Ribo Bobo unable to withstand Ben's Cat's surge. Ben's Cat edged away at the wire to prevail by a half length in 1:09.74. The \$142,000 he earned increased his lifetime total to \$1,862,640 and was his 24th win from 37 starts.

"He wins all these close races, which is good, but a little scary when you're watching," a relieved Leatherbury said afterward. "He's a remarkable horse, what can I say?"

The Fabulous Strike was Ben's Cat's 2013 finale, but Leatherbury said his stable star would return in the spring, most probably to defend his title in the Mister Diz Stakes at Pimlico, which he has won the past four years.

The Fabulous Strike was the highlight of a card that also featured two additional 6-furlong stakes, the \$75,500 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies for Pennsylvania-breds and \$150,000 Lady in Waiting Stakes for fillies and mares, and the \$150,000 Swatara Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles.

Team D's Gracer dominated the Blue Mountain from start to finish for trainer Tony Dutrow. The flashy Exchange Rate filly had been third in the Matron Stakes-G2 at Belmont Park in her most recent start. Summerwind Farms and Half Hollow Racing's Five Star Momma won her second consecutive stakes in the Lady in Waiting for trainer Jena Antonucci, following her Chip Stakes win at Aqueduct. Clovertowne Farm's Taptowne, a vet scratch from the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1 because of a bruised hoof, put it all together in the Swatara, dominating six rivals as the even-money favorite for trainer Tim Glyshaw.

Despite strong, gusty winds that forced the cancellation of the last two races on the card, the track reported all-sources handle of \$1,632,837 for the night, topping the previous year's Thanksgiving eve handle of \$1,549,406.

— Linda Dougherty



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Singapore Derby-G1

NIKKIS SMARTYPANTS - won Royal North S.-G3

SMARTY'S ECHO - 2YO 2nd \$400,000 Dixiana
Breeders' Futurity-G1 at Keeneland

RES JUDICATA - won City of Laurel S., 2nd Aqueduct's
Fit to Fight S.

JONESY BOY - won Aqueduct's \$100,000 Queens County S.

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Around the Ovals *Penn National*

13 to firmly maintain her position as Penn National's leading horse by wins. A fifth in the Lady in Waiting Stakes Nov. 27 pushed her career earnings to \$135,637.

In only her second start under Beattie's tutelage, Karats for Me, a now 4-year-old Ontario-bred daughter of Where's the Ring, gamely captured a \$31,000 allowance

Nov. 22 for Rock Bottom Ranch, making her a perfect 2-for-2 since coming south of the border from Woodbine.

With Dana Whitney aboard, the dark bay or brown filly opened up a 3-length lead in midstretch but had to summon every inch of courage as Two Hearts in One launched a late rally. At the wire, Karats for Me hung tough to win by a nose, earning a solid \$18,600 payday.

■ Tom Nguyen's Handsome Harbor made a successful leap from the claiming ranks into allowance company when he captured a \$32,922 allowance Nov. 15.

With Armando Ayuso in the irons for trainer Claudio Gonzalez, the now 5-year-old Rockport Harbor gelding raced in second through the first half mile of the mile and 70-yard race, took the lead and opened up by nearly 3 lengths on the far turn, then came wide into the stretch and looked to be home free inside the eighth pole.

Oneinthedark came flying wide down the stretch, yet Handsome Harbor had just enough left to hold on by a nose. Bred in Kentucky by the Greenwich Cattle Company, Handsome Harbor won a claiming race for a \$15,000 tag prior to his allowance win.

Rockport Harbor stood at Pin Oak Lane Farm before his premature death last July due to laminitis, a death all the more unfortunate because the young stallion was in the midst of a breakout year. In addition to siring Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 winner Ria Antonia, Rockport Harbor sired \$1 million Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes-G3 winner Rise Up. Rockport Harbor's runners earned \$6,990,278 through Dec. 2, 17th on the North American general sires list, and he ranked first as the nation's leading juvenile sire.

■ The Penn National community was rocked the morning of Nov. 22 as FBI and state police came onto the backstretch and handcuffed three trainers and a clocker. Trainers David Wells, Sam Webb and Patricia Rogers and clocker Danny Robertson were arrested on federal charges of fraud in connection with races run at Penn National.

The Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission suspended the quartet indefinitely, pending the outcome of the criminal cases against them. ★

November Stakes Results for Penn National

11/27 Fabulous Strike (\$250K). 6F. 3&up.

Winner: **BEN'S CAT** (dk.b./br.g., 7, Parker's Storm Cat—Twofox, by Thirty Eight Paces). B: K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc. (Md.). O: The Jim Stable. T: King T. Leatherbury. J: Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:09.74. Winning margin: ½ length. 2nd: **Ribo Bobo**. 3rd: **Good Morning Diva**.

11/27 Lady In Waiting (\$150K). 6F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **FIVE STAR MOMMA** (b.f., 4, Five Star Day—Momma in Law, by Nureyev). B: T.F. VanMeter (Ky.). O: Summerwind Farms and Half Hollow Racing. T: Jena M. Antonucci. J: Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:11.78. Winning margin: neck. 2nd: **She's Ordained**. 3rd: **Sweet Cassiopeia**.

11/27 Swatara (\$150K). 1¼ mi. 3&up.

Winner: **TAPTOWNE** (gr./ro.g., 5, Tapit—Holly's Wager, by Valid Wager). B/O: Clover Towne Farm (Ky.). T: Tim Glyshaw. J: Brian Joseph Hernandez Jr. Time: 1:44.09. Winning margin: 5¼ lengths. 2nd: **A. P. Cino**. 3rd: **Ponzi Scheme**.

11/27 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies (\$75K). 6F. Reg. PA-Bred 2YO F.

Winner: **GRACER** (gr./ro.f., Exchange Rate—Tina's Goal, by El Corredor). B: Russell B. Jones Jr. (Pa.). O: Team D. T: Anthony W. Dutrow. J: Joseph Rocco Jr. Time: 1:11.02. Winning margin: 3¾ lengths. 2nd: **Raging Smoke**. 3rd: **Chasing the Moon**.

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The Name Game

Extrasexyhippzster latest tongue-twister for owner/breeder who prefers to use all 18 characters from The Jockey Club

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Toni Kirwan is probably one of the most creative in the Mid-Atlantic region when it comes to naming her Thoroughbreds.

The Yardley, Pa., resident races her homebreds under the Kirwan Equine Group banner and in partnership with longtime friend Ed Hipps. Kirwan likes to use all 18 letters allotted by The Jockey Club in its naming rules and regulations.

There have been some doozies over the years, all of which pay homage to her broodmare Blitzen's Echo: Blitzensbuzzwisert (a son of Buzzards Bay), Blitzenshoneybare (a son of Gators N Bears); Blitzensdiscogetem (a son of Disco Rico), Blitzentekklpink (a daughter of Tekken-Ire) and the youngest, just-turned 2-year-old Blitzensmajikreign (by Street Magician).

From Kirwan's broodmare Dawn's Diva has come Jazmainiansupertaz (by Jazz Club) and Streakingsunseeker (by Sunriver).

The reason for the lengthy monikers?

"I want to make sure I hear the name of my horse called during the running of a race," she said.

The latest Kirwan name to pass through an announcer's lips was Extrasexyhippzster, a colt by Stroll who won a \$63,720 maiden special weight for 2-year-olds in early November at Parx Racing. The victory, for jockey Kendrick Carmouche and trainer Michael Trombetta, earned a payday of \$38,640 that included a Pennsylvania breeders' award for Kirwan and Hipps.

"We had a feeling he was going to win," said Kirwan, "because Mike (Trombetta) rarely makes the trip up from Fair Hill (where the colt is based), and he came to Parx for the race."

Extrasexyhippzster finished third in his debut Oct. 19 at Parx after he was bumped and roughed up at the start.

Kirwan also bred, owned and raced Extrasexyhippzster's dam, the 9-year-old Freud mare Extra Sexy Psychic. While on the surface the mare's name seems to lack the run-on, tongue-twisting appeal of many of her other names, Kirwan did point out something clever.

"When I was thinking of a name for her, I liked Extra Sexy Psychic," Kirwan said. "She's a daughter of Freud, and the first three letters of each of the words in her name (spell) ESP. It just popped into my brain, and it fit perfectly."

Extrasexyhippzster is the first foal from Extra Sexy Psychic, who won or placed in four stakes and earned \$311,650. Her current 2-year-old is a colt by Eurosilver named Extrasexyeurodude, and she had a Silver Train filly last May that Kirwan is still mulling over a name for. She was bred back to Albert the Great.

While Blitzen's Echo, who produced three horses for Kirwan that earned more than \$100,000, is now deceased, her daughter Blitzensfoxyvixsin, a stakes-placed daughter of Partner's Hero with earnings of \$344,958, has joined Extra Sexy Psychic as a broodmare at Shirley Lojeski's Lojeski Farm in Emmaus, Pa. Blitzensfoxyvixsin is in foal to Smarty Jones.

■ Jane Gilbert's Arlo got back on the winning track when he recorded a gritty victory Nov. 9 in a \$68,700 allowance over a salty field that included 2011 Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Ruler On Ice.

The Defrere gelding won by three-quarters of a length in the mile and 70-yard contest at odds of nearly 17-1 with Jose Flores aboard for trainer Cynthia Reese. He defeated another longshot, 19-1 I'm Steppin' It Up, as favored Ruler On Ice never threatened and finished fifth of six.

The win was the first of 2013 for Arlo, whose prior win came in the 2012 Auld Lang Syne Stakes New Year's Eve at Parx to conclude his 4-year-old season.

Arlo was bred in Pennsylvania by Larry and Darlene Sulomon, proprietors of Suloman's Dairy and Milk Store in Gilbertsville, Pa. Suloman's is known throughout Montgomery County for its fresh milk and organic food products. The couple have 65 dairy cows on their 40-acre farm, as well as several Thoroughbred mares.

Arlo, purchased as a yearling by Gilbert on the advice of Cynthia and Walter Reese, followed his win with a runner-up finish by a head to Reflected Way in a \$38,600 allowance Nov. 29 at Parx.

■ After an impressive juvenile debut at Parx and then a disappointing effort in the Iroquois Stakes-G3 at Churchill Downs, Cash is King's Honorable Judge rebounded to win a \$62,632 allowance Nov. 3 back on Bensalem soil.

The Pennsylvania-bred son of Afleet Alex was dispatched as the betting favorite, and launched a determined stretch rally to defeat another son of Afleet Alex, Afleet Accompli, by 2¼ lengths under John Bisono in the 1-mile event. The victory was worth \$40,320 and increased the colt's earnings to \$79,852.

Honorable Judge's score capped a threepeat for trainer Butch Reid on the day, as he also won the opener with yet another 2-year-old Afleet Alex son, It's John's Turn, for CJZ Racing Stable, as well as the finale with LC Racing's Giant's Tomb.

■ Trainer Mario Serey Jr. won't soon forget Nov. 9, a day he visited the winner's circle a career-best four times.

Serey's winning quartet kicked off the early daily double as he saddled a pair of his own, the Turnofthecentury mare Y to Kat and the Defrere gelding In Free (the \$2 daily double paid \$18). He added a third victory in the fourth when Benchmark Racing Stable's Disco Rico gelding Mississippi Man led from flagfall to finish and wrapped things up with Yahaira Santana-Novos's Point Given filly Atthispointintime in the sixth.

■ Jockey Maria Remedio was injured in the starting gate prior to the running of the first race Nov. 17 when her mount, the Corey Day-trained Iniesta, acted up. Remedio was removed by ambulance and a replacement jockey procured for Iniesta, who then finished last of five.

"I had ligament damage in my hand, but it could have been worse," said Remedio,

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the third-leading rider at the Bensalem course through Dec. 1 with 88 wins and \$2,486,046 in earnings. "It's on to the specialist and a little vacation for me."

Remedio didn't stay on vacation for long. She missed the Nov. 18-19 cards, but was back in the saddle by Nov. 23.

■ An outbreak of the equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) on the Parx backstretch resulted in a strict 21-day quarantine order

issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Nov. 13. A horse trained by Steve Klesaris tested positive for the virus, while several others showed clinical signs, including upper respiratory infections, fever and neurological symptoms. The virus is highly contagious from horse to horse.

The quarantine affected three barns and also briefly resulted in the termination of

morning training hours, and horses were not permitted to ship off the grounds.

Parx officials scrambled to fill cards with the available horse population, and rescheduled two South Carolina residency stakes, the Donna Freyer and Christopher Elser Memorial, from Nov. 17 to Dec. 28. Parx lost another card Nov. 24 due to high winds and bitter cold that gripped the region. ★

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Vacation Time

With 5-for-5 campaign as 2-year-old, Amherst Street books ticket to Florida

BY JEFF NATIONS



Flashy 2-year-old Amherst Street glides home in the West Virginia Futurity, his fifth win of 2013.

Trainer Javier Contreras was dreaming of Florida on a typically frosty night in late November at Charles Town.

It wasn't a trip to Disney World or a lounge chair situated on a bone china-white sandy Gulf Coast beach that Contreras was envisioning after the Nov. 30 West Virginia Futurity. This is no vacation, at least not for him. Instead, Contreras was planning a well-deserved break for his prized West Virginia-bred chestnut gelding Amherst Street following a 2-year-old campaign capped by winning the \$70,700 West Virginia Futurity just three weeks after capturing the Tri-State Futurity on another chilly evening at Charles Town.

"He deserves a rest now," Contreras said of his plans to give Amherst Street a Florida-based layoff until March at the earliest.

The competition could use a break, too, after the son of Taylor Mountain Farm sire Luftikus simply dominated his rivals in 2013. Amherst Street broke his maiden in a July debut at Charles Town, then followed up by winning the Henry Mercer Memorial Stakes more than two months later. That win primed Phyllis Susini's gelding to make a splash on West Virginia Breeders Classics night, and he did not disappoint in winning the Vincent Moscarelli Memorial.

Amherst Street then raced 7 furlongs for the first time Nov. 9 in the \$118,825 Tri-State Futurity. Under Antonio Lopez, the hard-charging gelding burst to the front and nestled close to the rail for a gate-to-wire victory by a length in 1:26.84.

It looked easier than it was, Contreras said. Facing a field that included two entries from trainer John Casey, Amherst Street

withstood contrasting challenges from that duo. Casey's Here Comes Allen pressed the pace early in an attempt to fluster and provoke the favorite. Casey's other entrant, Comeonletsplay, bided his time, looking to strike when Amherst Street began to falter under the pressure. It didn't happen, as Lopez found an extra gear for the stretch to fend off Comeonletsplay's bid.

"(Lopez) said he was worried because that other guy just kept chirping and chirping, and sending and sending, trying to get him not to relax," Contreras said. "That was their plan, to send one to chase him and then send the other one behind him."

Contreras expected nothing less, and won't be surprised if that tactic becomes a regular occurrence in the big money races at Charles Town. He's even considered keeping his front-running gelding off the pace to conserve speed for a late charge, but Amherst Street's temperament—not to mention success—has dissuaded that idea.

"He's got his own style; there's no reason to change it," Contreras said. "A couple times we've talked about taking him back and letting the speed go, but I said, 'You are the speed. Why are you holding back? Just go, do your thing.' He is so fit and so game, there's no reason to change anything."

Amherst Street was right back at his front-running best in the West Virginia Futurity, bursting to the front and grabbing his spot along the rail for another front-running score going 7 furlongs. Comeonletsplay again provided the main competition, this time without a stablemate, but Lopez brought Amherst Street to the wire to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:27.80. It was a deceptively close finish, as Comeonletsplay gained ground late for second.

"He kind of relaxed a little bit in the turn and I thought, 'Man, is he getting tired?' But no, he just does that so easy," Contreras said. "When they come to him, he just picks it right up."

Contreras had considered skipping the West Virginia Futurity and giving Amherst Street—a private purchase from breeder James Casey—an early vacation, but in the end it was a spot he couldn't pass up. Contreras plans to keep his star close to home as a 3-year-old, with an eye on Charles Town's lucrative state-bred program and possibly even a shot at the big prize next October in the headline event on West Virginia Breeders Classics night.

"If he can carry that speed a little longer. . . I don't know if we can run him in

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that big race, but we'll see," Contreras said. "We'll run in as many West Virginia-bred races as we can, hopefully make his bankroll get a little bit bigger."

MARYLAND SHIPPER SCORES

It may have lacked the billing of the West Virginia Futurity that immediately followed, but the \$35,000 Shenandoah Handicap featured an even more impressive performance over the same distance. WinStar Farm's Awesome Mama, a home-bred now 4-year-old Kentucky-bred filly by Awesome Again, seemed to be slumming in a modest stakes race after competing against graded company just nine months before at Turfway Park and the \$400,000 Charles Town Oaks back in September.

The racing spots in November are few and far between, though, and the field of older females for the Shenandoah shaped up as fairly competitive with four other stakes winners lining up against trainer Hugh McMahon's filly.

J.D. Acosta, who rode Awesome Mama to a fifth in the Charles Town Oaks and a seventh in the Safely Kept Stakes at

Laurel Park just three weeks before the Shenandoah, determined the best course was a cautious one at Charles Town.

"I knew she was going to be running, I just had to keep her out of trouble," he said. "The last couple races, I got her into trouble. I got her in trouble a little bit in the \$400,000 race."

UNDER THE RADAR NO MORE

Trainer Ollie Figgins III had a tremendous year, and he can thank Grade 1 winner and Breeders' Cup starter Dance to Bristol for much of that success. Flying under the radar, perhaps, has been Red Hot Diva. Racing for owner/breeder Naomi Long, the state-bred won the fifth race of her 3-year-old season, and fourth in a row, in the \$50,000 My Sister Pearl Stakes Nov. 9.

The Devon Deputy filly helped take a bit of the sting from Dance to Bristol's uncharacteristically off day at Santa Anita and subsequent retirement.

Jockey Mathew McGowan knows the chestnut filly well, and knew just what to do when facing a speed-stacked field that

included West Virginia Breeders Classics "Cavada" winner Fear the Facelift at 1½ miles.

"We knew there was a lot of speed up front, and if you can lay her off a little bit she just has that high cruising speed that you're just cruising along all down the backside," McGowan said. "Down the lane, she dug in for me hard and put the horse inside (Fear the Facelift) away. I didn't realize the horse outside was coming up on her, and I got into her really hard. As soon as she pinned both ears back, I knew he wasn't getting by us. She dug back in, and I actually had more horse than I thought I had. She was just kind of goofing off coming down the lane. That's just her. She has so much talent."

Figgins left the final call to McGowan on how best to tackle Fear the Facelift, trying the distance for the first time.

"I told Matt, 'Just use your own judgment,'" Figgins said. "We had speed. I didn't want to per se chase this filly—that's a great filly—but I didn't want to let her go alone, either. I said, 'If nobody goes with her, go on and pressure her and see how it unfolds.' I know we'll go this far, and maybe if we push her she won't."

"I thought (Red Hot Diva) would like it. She doesn't really like to be sent. She kind of likes to take the rider where she wants to go. She's just a big long-striding horse, and she'll run all day."

REVENGE FACTOR

Lucy's Bob Boy, arguably the most dominant horse at Charles Town the past two years, got a chance at a bit of revenge for a rare defeat—squaring off with rival Fred High in the \$51,350 A Huevo Stakes Nov. 16.

In the Oct. 19 West Virginia Breeders Classic, the Sandra Dono-trained gelding came up on the short end of a mesmerizing duel with fellow local star Russell Road. Lucy's Bob Boy led most of that race before faltering to ninth, his only loss of the year at Charles Town. Fred High came on to pass Russell Road for the win.

If payback was in order, Lucy's Bob Boy delivered in spades.

Jockey Arnaldo Bocachica let the state-bred son of Flatter go to the front and that's where he stayed for a dominating 8¾-length win in 1:52.17. Golden Set was second as Fred High rallied for third after being checked near the three-sixteenths pole. ★

November Stakes Results for Charles Town

11/9 Tri-State Futurity (\$100K). 7F. 2Y0.

Winner: **AMHERST STREET** (ch.g., Luftikus—Romantic Twist, by Wild Rush). B: James W. Casey (W.Va.). O: Phyllis M. Susini LLC. T: Javier Contreras. J: Antonio Lopez. Time: 1:26.84. Winning margin: 1 length. 2nd: **Comeonletsplay**. 3rd: **Modern Day Miracle**.

11/9 My Sister Pearl (\$50K). 1½ mi. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **RED HOT DIVA** (ch.f., 3, Devon Deputy—Sweet Music, by Melodisk). B/O: Naomi R. Long (W.Va.). T: Ollie L. Figgins III. J: Mathew Carroll McGowan. Time: 1:54.50. Winning margin: neck. 2nd: **Autumn Affair**. 3rd: **Fear the Facelift**.

11/16 A Huevo (\$50K). 1½ mi. Reg. WV-Bred, 3&up.

Winner: **LUCY'S BOB BOY** (ch.g., 4, Flatter—Love for Lucy, by Not For Love). B: Robert W. Furr Sr. (W.Va.). O: Michael Furr. T: Sandra A. Dono. J: Arnaldo Bocachica. Time: 1:52.17. Winning margin: 8¾ lengths. 2nd: **Golden Set**. 3rd: **Fred High**.

11/27 Thanksgiving (\$35K). 7F. 3&up.

Winner: **IN THE FAIRWAY** (b.c., 3, Posse—Royal Sweep, by End Sweep). B/O: Coleswood Farm Inc. (W.Va.). T: Jeff C. Runco. J: J.D. Acosta. Time: 1:27.26. Winning margin: ½ length. 2nd: **Crown Polis**. 3rd: **Jade Prince**.

11/30 West Virginia Futurity (\$50K). 7F. Reg. WV-Bred 2Y0.

Winner: **AMHERST STREET** (ch.g., Luftikus—Romantic Twist, by Wild Rush). B: James W. Casey (W.Va.). O: Phyllis M. Susini LLC. T: Javier Contreras. J: Antonio Lopez. Time: 1:27.80. Winning margin: ¾ length. 2nd: **Comeonletsplay**. 3rd: **Captain Klink**.

11/30 Shenandoah (\$35K). 7F. 3&up, F&M.

Winner: **AWESOME MAMA** (b.f., 3, Awesome Again—Mama Nadine, by A.P. Indy). B/O: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). T: Hugh I. McMahon. J: J.D. Acosta. Time: 1:26.30. Winning margin: ¾ length. 2nd: **Missy Rules**. 3rd: **Lenape Rim**.

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Alajmal gets it right on season's final day, captures Gr. 1 Colonial Cup

BY SEAN CLANCY

Janet Elliot and Greg Hawkins walked down the stairs of the Springdale Racecourse grandstand, moments after Alajmal upset the Colonial Cup in Camden, S.C., Nov. 23. The trainer was crying. The owner was smiling.

"Two statues," she said.

"Two statues," he said.

Hell in between.

Alajmal, owned by Hawkins and trained by Elliot, won the Carolina Cup in the spring—earning his silks on a jockey statue at the steps of Springdale's National Steeplechase Museum. Nine months later, Alajmal won the Colonial Cup—earning another spot on those steps. In between,

the 5-year-old son of First Samurai was anything but statuesque, losing five starts on the flat and over jumps. They weren't just losses, they were trounces. As quickly as he burst on the scene in March, he disappeared in defeats at Queen's Cup over jumps, Colonial Downs and Parx on the flat and twice more over jumps at Saratoga. Elliot put away the condition book after the Michael G. Walsh Novice Stakes Aug. 15, skipping lucrative opportunities at Belmont Park and Far Hills. She tinkered and toiled like only she can and returned Alajmal in a training flat race at Aiken Oct. 26. He won and she began to think big again.

The Colonial Cup provides the season finale each year, attracting the sport's best to its 2¾ miles of speed and stamina. Usually, the Eclipse Award lies in the balance. This year was no different. Divine



Alajmal takes the last jump in front on the way to the Colonial Cup win for owner Greg Hawkins and trainer Janet Elliot.

Fortune, Demonstrative, Italian Wedding and Gustavian had each won a Grade 1 stakes during the season. All they had to do was add a Colonial Cup and the Eclipse Award would be on their mantle. The rest of the 12-horse field had mountains to climb and points to prove. Especially Alajmal.

Nobody knew this better than Elliot, who entered her horse full of hope, rather than confidence.

"We've liked this horse, from the beginning, and it was very disappointing to have him just kind of peter out," Elliot said. "He had a good year last year, he won the Carolina Cup this year and his very next start at Queen's Cup he ran disappointingly. We were like 'Maybe it's the softer ground, maybe it's the hills. He'll be all right. He'll be fine when we get to Saratoga.' Well, he wasn't and he ran poorly at Saratoga too."

After Saratoga, Elliot ordered a battery of tests and most proved inconclusive. As the horse started to train better this fall, the Hall of Famer called for patience.

"We did a lot of tests to try and figure out what was going on, they didn't help us at all," Elliot said. "Then as he seemed to be improving this fall, one of the vets said 'Well, do you want to run him?' I said no. I didn't want to run him until I was sure he was doing better because I didn't want to discourage him. I don't want to send him out there when something's obviously wrong and get him beat because eventually he'll decide he doesn't want to do it anymore."

Elliot calls it ticking over—Alajmal jogged some days, galloped some days, went on the treadmill some days, skipped some days.

Elliot shipped Alajmal to Bernie and Kate Dalton in Camden as she and Hawkins went back to England's Tattersalls Horses in Training Sale (where she bought Alajmal three years ago) in late October. The corner had been turned. Alajmal trained well, regrouped with a training flat win at Aiken and the Colonial Cup was back on the radar.

Ten days out, the trainer passed on nominating to the stakes but supplemented at entry time and tabbed amateur Mark Beecher for the ride. The Maryland Hunt Cup winning jockey had never ridden the horse or the race. And still hasn't. A race before the big one, Beecher fell and broke ribs. Elliot had to scramble. She scanned



Trainer Janet Elliot (left) and owner Greg Hawkins flank presenter Peggy Steinman along with jockey Xavier Aizpuru after Alajmal's Colonial Cup-G1 victory.

the program, scoured her heart, checked with her owner and pushed open the door of the jocks' room.

"Xav, I'm going to need you for the Cup."

Veteran Xavier Aizpuru, in Camden for one ride, didn't hesitate.

"You always want to ride in these races and you're picking up a ride on a horse that you know if he comes back to his best, you're going to have a shot in it," the former champion jockey said. "She's battled this horse all year trying to get him back to his best and thankfully today everything just fell into place."

Like cookie batter on a baking sheet.

Last season, Alajmal finished third in the Colonial Cup, rallying behind seasoned pros Demonstrative and Divine Fortune. A year later, he ousted them.

Grand National winner Divine Fortune took his customary spot on the lead. Gustavian tracked him. Alajmal settled near the back, a slot in front of Demonstrative, who rallied from the same position a year earlier.

Turning down the long, unforgiving backstretch, Gustavian ratcheted up the pressure on Divine Fortune as the duo jumped with precision. Demonstrative began to pick up horses, going past Alajmal on the turn. Straightening in the stretch, Divine Fortune, Gustavian and Demonstrative clashed as Alajmal hung tough, still in the mix. Spent from earlier exploits, Divine Fortune, Gustavian and

Demonstrative flattened out as Alajmal flew the second-last and rushed at the leaders.

"Early on, he felt great, but I've seen him run this year when he's done that and stopped. From the fourth last, he kind of came off the bridle but it wasn't a stopping feeling, I was asking him and he was still running, it was just a question how much horse I had compared to the others," Aizpuru said. "Over the second-to-last, he gave me a good jump, then he started running around under me, so I knew I had horse if I could just get a good last fence, because I know there are still some very good horses behind me, he gave me a great last fence. Then I just wanted the shortest route home."

Coming to the last, it looked over when Alajmal veered sharply to the right, for a moment, he looked like he was running out before Aizpuru straightened him and angled back to the final fence. Alajmal Etch-a-Sketched his way over the last as Barnstorming and Italian Wedding rallied. Once refocused, Alajmal put the race to bed—drawing off to win by 2¾ lengths—and the championship debate to boil.

Elliot met Alajmal and Aizpuru on the racecourse, giving her a horse a pat on the neck, "Big man. It's our turn this year."

Bred in Kentucky by Shadwell, Alajmal wound up in the Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale after two winless starts as a 2-year-old. Standing in front of the Shadwell hospitality room, Elliot saw

Alajmal jog for another potential buyer. He had her at the jog.

"I was just standing there and somebody was looking at this horse and he was jogging up and down and I just went 'Look at that . . . I had to go look at him. He had spring and extension and he was just . . . he just looked so good doing it,'" Elliot said. "I called up Greg and said, 'What do you think of a First Samurai 2-year-old?' He said 'If you like him that's fine.' He always backs me."

Buying a 2-year-old by American sire First Samurai while looking for steeple-

chase prospects in Britain, well, it's like buying a Ford from the parking lot while looking at BMWs in the showroom.

It worked.

New Yorker Hawkins, whose introduction to jump racing came with major winner Campanile in 1998, spent 23,000 guineas. Three years and a lot of miles later, Alajmal won the Colonial Cup, adding his name to the illustrious list of previous winners.

It doesn't offer as much purse as some of the other stakes, but it's still the race of the year.

"It's a nerve-racking business. A nerve-racking business," Elliot said, moments after the race. "In the stretch, I was screaming, probably louder than I've ever screamed. 'Please do it, please show that you're back.'"

Aizpuru knew he was back.

"Unbelievable. Unbelievable," said the jockey. "I've fought all my career to win Grade Ones in this country and I've been unlucky in certain occasions, then you get a day like today when I literally pick it up, just happened to be here."

Fourth and Long

Young produces another championship with dramatic win in final race of season

BY SEAN CLANCY



Now a four-time NSA jockey champion, Paddy Young returns aboard Kingdom.

Paddy Young carried his tack back to the jocks' room for the 95th time in 2013—the final victory registered, in the final race, on the final day. Blood-stained, grass-stained, Young tried to wipe the tears from the corners of his eyes.

"It's weird, I'm crying," he said. "I don't know why I'm crying."

The 37-year-old jockey had secured his fourth National Steeplechase Association championship, winning the final race of the year and breaking a tie with best friend Darren Nagle. The Fields Stable's Kingdom, making his 10th start over jumps (the most of any horse), clinched Young's fourth championship, a feat last accomplished by John Cushman in the early 1980s.

Trained by Tom Voss, Maryland-bred Kingdom snapped a five-race losing streak, winning the \$30,600 sweepstakes, added as an extra two weeks before the meet.

"Unbelievable. I've loved this horse from day one, I've never lost faith in him," Young said. "We've had so many questions about this horse, we tried blinkers, that was a disaster, we've ridden him out the back, we've ridden him up front, ridden him from the outside, ridden him from the inside. Every time I come back there's always another excuse. I said, I'm going to jump him off today and see how it goes. It was brilliant."

Brilliant race. Brilliant career.

The Irishman came to America in the early 2000s to ply his trade as an amateur. He quickly turned professional and quickly built a career, securing three championships from 2009-'11. Last season, he broke his arm in March and lost his reign to fellow Irishman Ross Geraghty, who rode

the Irv Naylor juggernaut to the crown. Time always squeezes a jump jockey's career, and Young could feel the vice.

"After last year, I thought it would never happen again. You appreciate it more because there aren't many left, I know that," Young said, still wiping away tears. "I love riding, I love doing what I do, there is nothing better than when a horse leaves outside the wings and you're in mid-air, it's the best feeling in the world, but it's a young man's game and I can assure you I'm not getting any younger."

Young nearly ended the season on the ground, rather than at the podium. Two races before Kingdom secured his title, Gustavian dislodged Young at the last fence of the Colonial Cup. Falling off is not Young's style and the horse knocked him around as he galloped over him. Young knows the drill—hit the ground, wait for silence, then start the checklist. This time, he got to his jaw.

"I was this close to saying I'm not riding any more today. I thought I broke my cheekbone, everything was moving, my teeth felt like they were over there," Young said, pulling his hand a foot away from his face. "Everybody wanted to talk to me, I was like, 'Leave me alone, I just need to get air.' Part of life, get up, keep going."

With two rides to go—and still tied for the title—Young decided to ride Absolum, a horse trained by his wife Leslie, figuring there's no pressure when it's your own horse.

Still feeling the pain from the previous race, Young wasn't sure he had made the right choice when he left the paddock.

"The cold air hitting my face eased the pain," Young said. "Everything was fine then."

Absolum never traveled and pulled up, postponing the denouement until, fittingly, the final race on the final day. Kingdom came through, rallying around the turn to win comfortably over Cat Feathers and Powerofone, ridden by Nagle.

After the race, Nagle walked back to the jocks' room, his first title tantalizing close, but ultimately gone.

"A better man won it," the 26-year-old said.

A rider who became a jockey, Young continued to solidify himself as the best jockey in the room, patching together a championship season. He cultivated wins

from Leslie's stable, produced wins from Voss' stable (where he has first call) and picked up spares from Ricky Hendriks, Brianne Slater and other smaller stables. In the end, every win counted.

"This year, we have struggled with Tom's horses so I had to look elsewhere to get a lot of the winners, just kept chugging away and doing my best and we're there at the end," Young said. "It's definitely mixed emotions, because Darren is my best friend. I know how everybody wants to be champion, I've been there and done it. I'm not saying I didn't want to be champion, but I would have been just as happy to share it with him."

Young said it. But didn't get away with it. Just as happy?

"I would have been happy to share it. I would have hated to lose it," Young said. "We're friends but there's the competitive edge. I won't be cheering when I go into the jocks' room, put it that way."

NSA 2013 CHAMPIONS

Lonesome Glory Leading Horse: DIVINE FORTUNE. Ch.g. 2003, Royal Anthem—My Tombola, by Northern Fling. Owner: Bill Pape and Jonathan Sheppard. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Bred by Pape and Sheppard in Pennsylvania. Seven starts, two wins, one second, one third, \$207,000. Earnings leader won Grade 1 Grand National and finished second in Grade 1 Iroquois. *The official champion to be named in Eclipse Award voting.*

Novice: BLUEGRASS SUMMER. Gr.g. 2008, Purge—Rose of Summer, by El Prado (Ire). Owner: Bill Pape. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Bred by Graceville Breeding in Kentucky. Six starts, three wins, \$99,600. Won Saratoga allowance and Foxbrook Champion Stakes after starting year as maiden.

Life's Illusion Filly/Mare: KISSER N RUN. B.m. 2008, Pleasant Tap—Firm Kiss, by Atticus. Owner: Clarke Ohrstrom. Trainer: Richard Valentine. Bred by Charles Arlington and Mike Marcina in Florida. Six starts, two wins, two seconds, \$95,400. Won two stakes in the fall to claim championship.

Three-Year-Old: SCHOODIC. B.g. 2010, Tiznow—Aunt Henny, by Hennessy. Owner: Edie Dixon. Trainer: Jack Fisher. Bred by Edie Dixon in Kentucky. Two starts, two wins, \$30,000. Won the season's only two stakes for 3-year-olds to dominate division.

Timber Horse: FOYLE. B.g. 2005, Yarrow Brae—Londonderry, by Perfecting. Owner: Merriefield Farm. Trainer: Bruce Fenwick. Bred by Martha Hopkins in Maryland. Five starts, three wins, \$63,750. Captured the International Gold Cup and Pennsylvania Hunt Cup stakes in the fall to run away with crown.

Before Young got to the jocks' room, Alex Gogritchinia, 10, asked Young to sign a number cloth. Young leaned down, scribbled his name across the dirty saddle towel.

"Aspire to be a jockey, OK?" Young said. "Good man."

Gogritchinia smiled. Young handed him his pewter trophy from the win, a race added to the card, a race that decided a championship.

Gogritchinia hesitated, holding the small trophy. Then he turned and ran, dragging the saddle towel, to his mother sitting on a park bench overlooking the Springdale Racecourse paddock.

"That jockey gave me this," he said to his mother. She smiled, then worried, "What jockey?"

The kid pointed in the direction of the jocks' room. The four-time champion had disappeared, the season over, the mission accomplished. ■

TEN TO THINK ABOUT AS JUMP SEASON COMES TO CLOSE

By Sean Clancy

For better or worse, American steeplechasing has a season. From March to November, the horses compete. From December to February, the horsemen regroup. At the end of each season, there are always questions—about last season and about next season.

1. Eenie, Meenie, Minie, Moe? Every year, Eclipse voters without steeplechase knowledge ask insiders, “Who should I vote for this year?” It’s usually easy. This time, whew, great question. Divine Fortune won the biggest race and the most money. Alajmal trounced everybody on the day that mattered most. Italian Wedding, Demonstrative, Gustavian, Mr. Hot Stuff split the rest of the Grade 1 stakes. Divine Fortune is a Pennsylvania-bred. All are based in the region. As for who stands out in 2014? We’re still trying to figure out 2013.

2. Changing of the Guard? Veteran Paddy Young pulled the 2013 jockey championship from the fire, winning the final race on the final day to score by one over Darren Nagle. The four-time champion and soon to be 38-year-old said this would be his last title; he’s not stepping out but he’s stepping back. He says. Jerry Fishback, in 1977, was the last jockey to win five championships. Nagle, the heir apparent, seems destined for his first crown while riding the Jonathan Sheppard arsenal. Irishman Sean Flanagan finished third while missing the entire summer schedule. If he stays for the full season in 2014, he could be crowned.

3. Anybody else? Jack Fisher and Jonathan Sheppard tied for the training title (by races won). Sheppard is a living legend. Fisher is a burgeoning one. Both are busy reloading for next season. They’ve won nine of the last 11 crowns.

4. Virginia or Maryland? With a fall scourge, Foyle earned the timber championship for Merriemfield Farm and trainer Bruce Fenwick. The Maryland-bred asserted himself as the leader of the distance division with wins in the International Gold Cup and Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Does he travel to Virginia for the Virginia Gold Cup or stay at home for the Maryland Hunt Cup? We’re thinking the latter, but . . .

5. Room at the top? Longtime steeplechase owner Bill Pape earned his first championship, ousting perennial leader Irv Naylor for the title. Pape did it with homebreds (Divine Fortune and others), but also bolstered his roster with private purchases (Martini Brother, Powerofone, Bluegrass Summer, etc.). Pape is the sport’s second leading owner in history behind Augustin Stable and has been playing the game since 1965. Nobody attacks steeplechasing like Naylor. Will the three-time champion regain his spot at the helm in 2014?

6. Jinx? What Jinx? Edie Dixon’s Schoodic burst on the scene at Far Hills, taking the Gladstone and returning to win the Raymond G. Woolfe at Camden. The 3-year-old homebred, whose flat career fizzled with Michael Matz, looks like the real deal. But this movie has played before. Can Schoodic break the 3-year-old jinx and become a top-shelf novice in 2014?

7. Next? National Steeplechase Association president Guy Torsilieri will finish his second term at the end of 2014. Who replaces him and what changes will he or she bring?

8. Border control? The top 12 jockeys hail from England or Ireland. Will America breed another champion jump jockey? Who is the next European journeyman turned American champion?

9. Double Dates? The sport continues to suffer from competing race meets running on the same days. This spring, Atlanta Steeplechase and Middleburg share the same day and Block House Steeplechase and Virginia Gold Cup share the same day. In the fall, Far Hills and International Gold Cup have traditionally clashed, as have Montpelier and Callaway Gardens. There is talk of some of that changing. Will it?

10. Changes. Safety for horses and jockeys came to the fore after an alarming season in 2012. The sport formed a safety task force and made changes (limiting field size, restricting inexperienced riders, creating a stricter stewards’ list for problematic horses, etc.). Disasters dropped but the jury’s still out. What’s next?



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Introducing New Director of Bloodstock

PAUL O'LOUGHLIN

Meet Paul O'Loughlin, the newest member of the Northview team, who takes over as Director of Bloodstock starting in January. The Irish-born horseman, 45, offers a wealth of experience in all aspects of the business.

Growing up in Ireland, O'Loughlin began working with horses as a teenager and was soon around many of the finest Thoroughbreds in Ireland with Meadow Court Studs. Located in The Curragh, the farm boasts a stellar broodmare band and sends top-quality yearlings to the sales.

In addition to being with Meadow Court for about 25 years, O'Loughlin spent more than a year with Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky, from breeding season to sales season. He moved to Pennsylvania this past decade and had a helping hand in the start up of Penn Ridge Farm near Harrisburg.

Over the last decade, O'Loughlin has made numerous cross-Atlantic trips to England and Ireland, working sales in Europe and putting "people with horses."

In 2012, he assisted in preparing sales yearlings for Cleary Farms, including future 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile S.-G1 New Year's Day.



Handling and managing breeding stock, sales yearlings... selecting matings... buying and selling horses—he's done it all.

"To be named Director of Bloodstock is an extreme honor given the stature and rich tradition of the region's premier Thoroughbred breeding facilities," said O'Loughlin. "Breeders can always feel they can receive an exceptional value on our

list of premier stallions—that starts with communication about the various outstanding options and choosing just the right one for that individual breeder.

"I look forward to getting to know all our existing clients and introducing new breeders to the exceptional line of stallions standing here for the 2014 season. The team at Northview comprises of a hardworking, dedicated group of people who continuously strive for excellence and I am delighted to become part of that team."

Smarty Jones newest stakes winner is dashing Jonesy Boy!

Dashing through the snow at Aqueduct on Dec. 14 was SMARTY JONES's 4-year-old son JONESY BOY, who rallied from last to nail down the one and an eighth-mile \$100,000 Queens County S. in the final strides. The lightly-raced colt owned by George and Lori Hall and trained by Kelly J. Breen scored for the second time in two outings for the year—never worse than second in six career starts, he has now earned \$151,330.

JONESY BOY is the latest of SMARTY JONES's impressive runners of 2013. His nine stakes winners

(through mid-December) include CENTRALINTELLIGENCE, winner of the Gr. 1 Triple Bend H. at Hollywood Park; Gr. 1 Singapore Derby winner BETTER LIFE and Woodbine Gr.3 winner NIKKIS SMARTYPANTS.



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SMARTY JONES's runners consistently put up sensational numbers: progeny earnings of \$5 million-plus from 2010 to 2012, and fast approaching that total in 2013; more than 78 percent winners from starters lifetime, average earnings per runner

approaching \$86,000, 16 percent stakes horses per starters! Smart money rides with SMARTY JONES!

Silver Train's NEVADA KID sparkles in Jewel



Lauren King

Leading the field at every call, NEVADA KID captured the \$200,000 Jewel Stakes, the richest race on Claiming Crown Day at Gulfstream Park on Dec. 7. Rolling home by more than two lengths, the son of SILVER TRAIN owned by Hurricane Boys and Richard C. Pell and trained by Nick Zito boosted his career earnings to \$278,935 from 18 career starts.

NEVADA KID became eligible for the Claiming Crown by racing for a \$30,000 claiming tag on Dec. 27, 2012. He won that race, and in his next 10 starts leading up to the Claiming Crown he hit the board six times.

Sent off as the Jewel's fourth choice in the field of 10, the Kentucky-bred 4-year-old dictated the pace in the one and an eighth-mile test before spurting clear at the head of the stretch.

SILVER TRAIN sired four stakes winners, and 14 stakes horses, in

2013 (through early December), with progeny earnings in excess of \$3.3 million. He ranked as Pennsylvania's leading active sire for the year by number of winners, with 98, and his lifetime numbers show three out of four of his runners are winners.

From four crops to race, SILVER TRAIN has sired 30 stakes horses, 12 percent of his starters. And they are ready to roll at 2–18 hit the board in stakes as juveniles, including five in 2013, led by Mountaineer Juvenile Fillies S. winner SILVER VALLEY, \$150,000 Arlington-Washington Futurity-G3-placed Cee 'n O, additional group stakes-placed Sweetie Alika and Anazzar, plus multiple New York stakes-placed Ogermeister, second in the \$237,457 New York Breeders' Futurity.

Speeding down the track—all aboard with SILVER TRAIN!

Mystic Love: A December Sales Star for Not For Love

It was a December to remember for the lovely Not For Love filly Mystic Love. Offered as a racing or broodmare prospect, the Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly of 2012 came into the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed back in stakes form, and topped the sale on a \$100,000 bid by agent Bill Reightler on behalf of Greenmount Farm.

A two-time stakes winner at 2, Mystic Love rallied to just miss in a three-horse blanket finish against older runners in Laurel Park's Geisha S. one month before the sale. But not only does the filly offer her new owners potential on the race track, but a pedigree of black-type that includes the likes of champion Go for Wand and graded stakes winners Dance Spell and Discorama. And she's by rising broodmare sire Not For Love!



Not For Love is represented as a broodmare sire of stakes horses such as Gr. 1 winner Starship Truffles, top turf sprinter Action Andy, West Virginia-bred star Lucy's Bob Boy, 2013 graded stakes filly Tell a Great Story and 2013 juvenile California Chrome.

Not For Love was also the sire of the second highest-priced weanling colt of the December sale, out of the Malibu Moon mare Sagamoon from the family of Delaware Oaks-G2 winner Dancing Afleet and multiple stakes winner Tujoes. Reightler agent consigned the colt, who sold for \$33,000 to Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services Inc.

A sales force since his first crop was offered at auction more than a decade ago, Not For Love has a lifetime weanling sales average of \$32,115 (\$28,000 median) from 59 sold; a yearling average of \$47,293 (from 341 sold) and \$115,234 2-year-old

NOT FOR LOVE

Eighttofasttocatch: Not For Love's stakes winner extraordinaire

Ten stakes wins, four in 2013. . . Nearly \$1 million in career earnings. . . And the leading stakes performer for the region's leading stakes sire! Not For Love's son Eighttofasttocatch was too hot to handle as he captured his third stakes win in a row in Laurel Park's \$100,000 Broad Brush S. on Dec. 7, following scores in the \$150,000 Maryland Million Classic in October and \$100,000 Jennings H. in November. His average winning margin during his current streak is nearly six lengths!

Facing open company in the mile and an eighth Broad Brush and sent off as the 7-10 favorite, Eighttofasttocatch waited patiently for Forest Boyce to give him the go-ahead, and quickly distanced himself from the field when asked. The win, his 15th in 46 career outings, pushed his lifetime earnings to \$914,585. In the Jennings H., he reached elite status by winning the historic stakes for a third time, a feat matched only by legendary Maryland-bred Little Bold John.

Eighttofasttocatch, a winner every year from age 3 to 7, is Not For Love's leading earner, and one of 74 stakes winners lifetime for Maryland's most dominant sire. Not For Love maintains 20 percent stakes horses per runners, and his runners have average earnings of more than \$90,000! Add to that the fact his runners have started an average of 22 times! They run fast, they pick up checks and they stick around. Gotta love the Not For Loves!



JUMP START

Willet: Jump Start Daughter Loves New York

Born in New York, Jump Start's daughter WILLET prefers to stay home. Why go anywhere else? In a 15-start career (through Dec. 6), she has seven wins, five seconds and a third, and is a four-time stakes winner!

WILLET recorded her most recent stakes victory in Aqueduct's Touch of Love S. on Dec. 6, taking control as the field entered the stretch and dominating by five and a quarter lengths going seven and a half furlongs as the 1-2 favorite. It was another stellar performance during a 5-year-old season in which she captured Belmont's Princess Dixie S. and Saratoga's Union Avenue S. and was twice stakes-placed. She has now earned \$494,900 while racing for trainer James Iselin and partners Charlotte Assoulin and Eli Gindi.

WILLET is one of nine stakes winners on the year for JUMP START, the Mid-Atlantic region's leading stakes sire in 2013. And what a wonderfully diverse group! His juvenile daughter MISS BEHAVIOUR won two stakes, including the six-furlong Gr. 2 Matron at Belmont; millionaire sons PANTS ON FIRE and PRAYER FOR RELIEF won graded stakes at distances of a mile and beyond; 7-year-old mare CRY CRY CRY scored in stakes company going six furlongs. The sire of at least one stakes winner from every crop lifetime, JUMP START has six in his crop of 2008, five of them stakes winners in 2013.



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NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION LEADERS 2013 FINAL STANDINGS

OWNERS BY MONEY WON

	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>2nds</i>	<i>3rds</i>	<i>Earnings</i>
Bill Pape	60	15	6	8	\$551,710
Irv Naylor	104	22	17	16	505,450
Magalen Bryant	63	6	8	8	279,300
Jonathan Sheppard	24	4	4	2	251,700
Jacqueline Ohrstrom	15	4	0	2	200,250
Gillian Johnston	25	6	3	2	192,874
Greg Hawkins	16	4	1	3	181,750
Andre Brewster	12	1	3	2	108,650
Arcadia Stable	15	1	7	1	104,900
Kinross Farm	47	5	8	5	98,350

TRAINERS BY RACES WON

	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>2nds</i>	<i>3rds</i>	<i>Earnings</i>
Jack Fisher	120	20	26	16	\$704,980
Jonathan Sheppard	105	20	12	13	837,210
Richard Valentine	89	15	12	8	525,343
Brianne Slater	40	11	9	4	247,750
Neil Morris	88	10	11	8	166,300
Leslie Young	32	6	7	4	244,750
Janet Elliot	27	6	3	3	229,474
Doug Fout	66	5	10	13	190,150
Tom Voss	66	5	8	9	166,660
Billy Meister	47	5	7	4	101,250

JOCKEYS BY RACES WON

	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>2nds</i>	<i>3rds</i>	<i>Earnings</i>
Paddy Young	95	16	21	15	\$563,510
Darren Nagle	82	15	12	11	504,710
Sean Flanagan	49	13	6	9	272,130
Ross Geraghty	61	12	6	5	292,324
Bernie Dalton	82	10	15	13	441,958
Willie McCarthy	85	10	13	13	284,800
Robbie Walsh	78	9	8	10	405,018
Mark Beecher	32	7	5	2	193,750
James Slater	26	6	3	8	101,200
Kieran Norris	42	6	3	4	119,350

HORSES BY MONEY WON

	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>2nds</i>	<i>3rds</i>	<i>Earnings</i>
Divine Fortune	7	2	1	1	\$207,000
Gustavian	5	1	2	1	149,000
Italian Wedding	5	1	1	2	133,000
Demonstrative	5	1	0	1	131,000
Mr. Hot Stuff	5	2	0	1	120,000
All Together	7	1	3	0	104,100
Bluegrass Summer	6	3	0	0	99,600
Kisser N Run	6	2	2	0	95,400
Martini Brother	6	3	0	1	95,250
Alajmal	5	2	0	0	93,750

Could it be heaves?

Like asthma in humans, heaves can be managed with care, treatment, planning

Editor's Note: A periodic contribution from the veterinary experts at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. To suggest topics, email editor@marylandthoroughbred.com

Heaves in horses is much like asthma in humans: it is a non-infectious, inflammatory respiratory disease affecting the small airways, resulting in chronic, recurrent episodes of pulmonary obstruction due to bronchoconstriction, similar to an asthma attack.

Over the years there have been various terms used to describe heaves in horses, including hay sickness, small airway disease, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder. Because of the shared characteristics with asthma, Recurrent Airway Obstruction, or RAO, as well as heaves, are the accepted terms to describe this condition, based on a recent consensus statement by experts.

CHARACTERISTICS

Heaves is a disease seen primarily in mature horses, those over seven years old. Heaves also is considered a geographical disease, as it affects mainly horses of the northern hemisphere where the temperate climate restricts use of pastures year-round. In these areas, some studies report that up to 20 percent of the horse population is affected with heaves.

There also is a genetic component to this disease, as certain equine families of German Warmbloods and Lipizzaners seem more susceptible. Recent research shows that families of horses with heaves have fewer parasites compared to their healthy pasture mates. This research suggests that genes that impart a predisposition to developing heaves may also confer resistance to parasites.

Heaves occurs when the airways of susceptible horses react to triggers in environmental dust, straw, or hay, for example. The airways become inflamed and pus accumulates in the lungs. The horses accumulate a lot of mucus in the airways, which makes it more difficult for them to breathe. The airways of these horses become "twitchy" and the smooth muscle layer surrounding the airway contracts (bronchospasm), narrowing the airway size and making the passage of air more difficult.

The symptoms become obvious in horses exposed to moldy or dusty hay and straw and can include a worsening cough, an increased effort and rate of breathing, nostril flaring, an abdominal component to breathing, nasal discharge, decreased performance when ridden, or pulling up out of breath more easily. The hay can trigger an attack even if it is not visibly dusty or moldy. In very severe cases that are uncontrolled, the horses can lose weight and can go into respiratory distress. These horses can also develop a "heave line" along their sides due to unnatural muscling because of the exaggerated muscle contraction that is needed to breathe.

If stabled outside and away from these triggers, horses susceptible to heaves can appear completely normal. Some symptoms that clients report when horses are in "remission" include an occasional cough when eating or at the onset of exercise, a prolonged recovery from exercise, or exercise intolerance.

DIAGNOSIS

A veterinarian can make a diagnosis of heaves by combining knowledge of the horse's signalment (age, breed and gender), health history, findings on clinical examina-

tion, other diagnostic tests, and response to treatment.

During the examination, a veterinarian is likely to perform a re-breathing examination. This consists of putting a bag over the horse's nostrils, which forces the horse to take deeper breaths. The veterinarian will then listen to the lungs with a stethoscope to determine if there are abnormal lung sounds. Horses with heaves usually do not have a fever, and the physical examination abnormalities tend to be limited to the respiratory system, except in more severely affected animals.

The next step consists of diagnostic tests. Blood analysis can help rule out other infectious respiratory conditions that may have a similar presentation to heaves, as well as to evaluate the overall health of the animal. In most cases with heaves, blood analysis is usually normal. The veterinarian will likely perform a "lung wash" or "bronchoalveolar lavage." This test consists of placing a tube or endoscope (camera) through the horse's nose, then into the windpipe and down into the bronchi in order to obtain a sample of fluid from the airways. Horses with heaves have high concentrations of certain types of inflammatory cells in the fluid. Because heaves can occasionally mimic other serious cardiac and respiratory conditions, the veterinarian may also perform chest radiographs or an ultrasound. Lung-function testing also can be done and can be useful in measuring response to treatment.

TREATMENT

The number-one treatment for heaves is to change the horse's environment. It is most important to remove or decrease exposure to hay, straw, and environmental dust. In some cases, making these changes in the horse's environment alone can result in remission, but this can take three to four weeks. Decreasing exposure to organic dusts can be achieved in several ways such as:

- Increasing turnout, in some cases up to 24 hours a day.
- Removing the horse from its stall when cleaning or mucking.
- Keeping the horse out for at least two hours after stall cleaning to let dust settle.
- Watering the barn aisles before sweeping.
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- Stabling affected horses near windows or opposite ends of barn aisles.
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- Feeding only high-quality hay. (The hay can be soaked in water for five minutes prior to feeding to reduce dust, but prolonged soaking can result in increased mold. Hay steamers also can be used to reduce dust.)
- Feeding a completely hay-free diet to the most severely affected horses. (They should have access to grazing pasture and be fed a pelleted feed/hay cube forage diet.)

The second aspect of treatment for heaves is pharmacological intervention. Corticosteroids (steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) are considered the mainstay of pharmacological treatment. This class of medication is most effective at controlling airway inflammation and relieving symptoms. Corticosteroids are best used in conjunction with environmental modifications. The most common route of administration consists of oral use (by mouth with a syringe or mixed into food), with products such as dexamethasone and

prednisolone. These products are available as tablets, which can be crushed, or in a powder form.

Corticosteroids also can be administered by inhalation with a facemask or puffer, similar to what is used by human asthmatics. The most commonly used inhalation corticosteroids are fluticasone and beclamethasone. In the short-term, corticosteroids can also be given via injection (intramuscular or intravenous). The systemic (intravenous, intramuscular, by mouth) administration of corticosteroids produces the most rapid response and is best at inducing remission. Partial improvement often is seen in a matter of a few hours; however, it may take at least a week before maximal benefits are observed.

Veterinarians will typically try to taper the dose of corticosteroids and find the lowest dose necessary to keep the horse from showing symptoms. Nonetheless, systemic corticosteroids have potential side effects that must be considered, including the development of laminitis, immune suppression, muscle wasting, and decreased efficacy of vaccination. The advantage of using inhaled corticosteroids is that these products have very few adverse effects, and remain mostly in the lungs. They can also

be useful at maintaining remission. They have several disadvantages, however, as they are more labor-intensive for the caregiver, require a compliant horse, and result in an increased expense. Additionally, these medications are not suitable for a horse with very labored breathing, as panic can ensue in the animal.

Finally, bronchodilators are another class of medication that can be used to help open the constricted airways, by relaxing the smooth muscle layer. They can also aid in removing mucus from the windpipe. This class of medication can also be administered systemically or as an inhaler. Administered by inhalation, bronchodilators can improve the delivery of other agents (corticosteroids) into the lungs. However, they cannot serve as a sole treatment. Systemic bronchodilators are sometimes used (example: clenbuterol), but it should be noted that they lose their efficacy with prolonged use if not combined with a corticosteroid. Other “rescue” medications exist and can be used by your veterinarian in cases of severe “asthma attacks,” in order to provide immediate relief to the distressed horse.

In summary, heaves (RAO) is an inflammatory disease of the lower airways in older horses, and is very similar to human asthma. Symptoms are reversible and can be controlled, but are not curable. Modification of the horse’s environment remains the mainstay of treatment. ★

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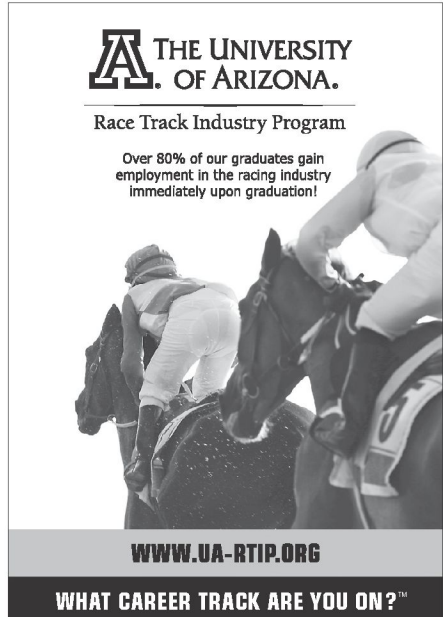


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Community Action

Launched in 2009, Pittman's concept spurs progress to benefit ex-racehorses

Editor's Note: Starting with this update on the Maryland-based Retired Racehorse Training Project, which received the Industry Service Award from the Thoroughbred Charities of America this month, Teresa Genaro will write regularly about issues and people surrounding off-track Thoroughbreds. She can be reached at teresa@brooklynbackstretch.com.

On a Sunday afternoon in October, Stuart Pittman stood on the track at Pimlico, surrounded by jumps and horses. A microphone in his hand, he spoke to hundreds of people sitting in the stands as Thoroughbreds trotted, cantered and jumped around him. The track was his pulpit, the audience his congregation, and the message of his sermon was clear: retired Thoroughbreds are valuable, talented commodities, not charity cases.

Over the course of the two-day Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, more than two dozen horses had performed in exhibitions to show off their skills as polo ponies; as police horses; as cross-country prospects; as jumpers. It's possible that Pittman was preaching to the converted, to those who already believed that horses that come off the track can have successful second careers, but he wasn't taking any chances, extolling the virtues and adaptability of the horses, urging his listeners, many from the sporthorse world, to consider buying—not adopting—a Thoroughbred to ride.

The paradigm for Thoroughbred “aftercare”—defined by Merriam-Webster as “the care, treatment, help, or supervision given to persons discharged from an institution (as a hospital)”—has been that of rescue: rescue horses from life at the racetrack, rescue horses from auction lots, rescue horses from slaughter. With the Retired Racehorse Training Project, Pittman suggests that associating Thor-

oughbreds off the track with rehabilitation misses a tremendous opportunity.

Pittman knows first-hand the economic value of a sound, well-trained retired Thoroughbred; having grown up in the sporthorse world, riding and showing horses since he was a child, Pittman remembers visiting nearby Larking Hill Farm to visit the stallions with his father. On the hunt field, he'd sit on his pony and look up at what he called “these beautiful steeplechase horses.”

“I worked on a warmblood farm as a teenager,” Pittman said. “But to me, Thoroughbreds were the ultimate horse.”

Competing through high school, Pittman left the horse world after graduating from the University of Chicago, working at the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), a network for community organizers that Pittman credits with developing in him the leadership skills that he's put to use as the president of the Maryland Horse Council and the founder of the RRTP. Acknowledging the scandal that hit the organization after he left it, he also praised the organization in a 2011 post on his “Listen to the Horse” blog.

“It was a fantastic organization,” he wrote, “that eventually fell victim to its own success long after I had made a decision to return to my family's farm in Maryland and make a living with horses. I mention this only to warn you that some of my thinking is tainted by a social conscience.”

Making a living with horses for Pittman meant buying, training, and re-selling them to riders. His financial pragmatism is underscored by that social conscience, which kicked in publicly in 2009 when he taught a session on training at a therapeutic riding center in Crofton, Md.

“I can be a ham and I get a kick out of teaching,” he explained. “And sometimes, people like to sit in a chair and learn instead of in a riding lesson.”

In that first four-hour symposium, he exhibited horses at different levels of training, demonstrating the work he had done with them, passing on his knowledge and expertise to the unexpectedly large crowd.

“We sold tickets at \$25 each, and 350 people showed up,” he said. “We were shocked.”

Off the success of that event, Pittman did several other presentations in the Mid-Atlantic, offering educational demonstrations on the training of both horses and riders. But it was his work with two women in particular that led to the creation of the RRTP.

Pittman related the story of two women who hadn't ridden since they were children, saying that they came in with horses they'd gotten off the track and that they were struggling to ride.

“After a month,” he said, “those horses were magnificent. And it was such an amazing experience for these people. In both cases, they had the horse of a lifetime and they went on to show with them.

“It showed me,” he continued, “that people can be motivated to ride well because they want to ride a Thoroughbred. And these horses are so trainable, so kind, and so athletic—people can be inspired to learn to ride better just so they can ride them.”

And that, he said, is where the idea came from.

“I just started to think about things that could be done to further the cause,” he said, unconsciously slipping into the vocabulary of an activist. “It all came down to educating people and promoting the horses. I wondered why other breeds had practically knocked Thoroughbreds out of the hunter/jumper and dressage markets, and it was because of marketing and promotion.”

So, drawing on those community organizing skills he'd developed at ACORN, he got to work.

“I had to figure out ways to inspire people to act for a cause,” he said, “to get people with common interests talking to each other and moving in certain directions.”

Observing the chasm between the racehorse and sporthorse worlds, he acknowledged that the two communities often

by Teresa Genaro

didn't have a lot of respect for each other, so he set out to bridge that gap. One of his first tasks was to convince trainers of the value of their retired racehorses.

"It was kind of shocking to me that the racing industry hadn't figured out that increasing the market for their horses was really key," he noted. "Part of the reason I started the RRTP was that all of the non-profit placement organizations created the sense that Thoroughbreds after racing were in need of 'aftercare,' suggesting that they were washed up and done for.

"It didn't make racing look good, and it didn't encourage people to pay what these horses are worth."

Though Pittman is no longer training horses—the RRTP has become his primary occupation, though he has only recently begun to draw a small salary—he remained mindful of the financial imperatives of working with horses, of buying and selling them, and of re-training them. In order for those transactions to remunerate everyone involved—the racetrack owners and trainers, the post-racing trainer, and the owner of the horse in its second career—the retired horses had to be valuable, and to be valuable, they had to be sound.

Trainers and owners, then, had to know that they could sell horses at the end of their racing careers, not just retire them and try to give them away to a good home—or worse.

"If you want horses to retire sound, they have to be worth something to retire sound," he said. "If they're not worth anything, you might as well just run them into the ground, because you're not going to make any money selling them."

Established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in 2009, the Retired Racehorse Training Project is led by a board of nine directors and is beginning to chart the next phase of its course, which will include creating a directory of trainers, farms, racetracks and horsemen's organizations for people to consult if they're looking to buy, train or sell an off-track Thoroughbred (OTTB).

Pittman also envisions a publication that will include articles on horses in transition from the track to other careers and resources for those working with OTTBs. The organization is exploring the idea of creating a fee-based membership; each of these initiatives is in response to suggestions from an open forum held at the October event at Pimlico. The organiza-



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tion also posted a survey this fall, receiving 2,500 responses.

"We asked people what they thought could be done to further our work," he said, "and they said that we need to communicate more—to have a voice and a body and ways to connect. So we're trying to figure that out."

Barely four years old, the Retired Racehorse Training Project will receive the Thoroughbred Charities of America's Industry Service Award at Keeneland Jan. 4. The award is given annually to an organization that exemplifies the TCA's mission to provide a better life for Thoroughbreds during and after their racing careers; it distributes grants to a variety of equine organizations, including those that rescue, rehabilitate, re-train, adopt, and retire Thoroughbreds.

"TCA leads the industry when it comes to looking after the horses," said Pittman, "so getting this award from its board of directors is about as good as it gets. It is a huge honor and we think that it will serve as an endorsement when we go begging for funds to implement our 2014 plans."

With its emphasis on re-training, the RRTP is working to shift the retired Thoroughbred model from one that is supported by donations to one that sustains itself, increasing both the supply of and the demand for sound, agile horses, horses that people are willing to pay for. The organization's website lists dozens of horses for sale, some for as little as \$600, some for prices as high as \$10,000; several

horses from the October Thoroughbred Makeover event have already been purchased.

The RRTP does accept tax-deductible donations, a necessity at this point in its evolution, and Pittman is working with Paul Bulmahn's GoldMark Farm in Ocala on a February fundraiser that will benefit Old Friends retirement farm and the RRTP. Bulmahn is an active Thoroughbred owner, buying yearlings at this year's Keeneland sales and campaigning high-profile horses Mylute and Cross Traffic in 2013.

Though Pittman has expressed reservations about taking on the role of major event planner, he acknowledged that the Thoroughbred Makeover was not a profit-making endeavor, and while both the RRTP and the Maryland Jockey Club are enthusiastic about repeating the event next year, Pittman reluctantly accepts that part of his new role is as a fundraiser.

"Is it all worth it?" he asked rhetorically on his blog in late October. "Is this the direction my life should be going?"

That crisis of faith was resolved on his visit to Ocala, by the rapport he felt with Bulmahn and by the sense of purpose he re-discovered, perhaps when he least expected it.

"I drove away from GoldMark Farm," he wrote, "knowing where I am going and knowing why I am going there."

Given the RRTP's success, that direction may have been unclear only to Pittman himself. *

Graded winner Doubles Partner to PA's Diamond B Farm



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Doubles Partner, a multiple graded stakes winner and the leading earner for Grade 1-winning millionaire Rock Hard Ten, has been retired to Glenn and Becky Brok's Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, Pa. Owned by Diamond B, the 7-year-old bay stallion from the family of champion Serena's Song stands for \$2,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, with special consideration to Pennsylvania foaling mares.

A winner each year he raced from 2 to 6, Doubles Partner amassed \$684,950 from 21 starts. All six wins came on the turf,

and he recorded his first graded stakes at 3, taking the Grade 2 American Turf at Churchill Downs at 1 1/16 miles defeating, among others, Workin for Hops, Guys Reward and Setsuko.

The next year, he captured the Tampa Bay Stakes-G3, getting 1 1/16 miles in 1:40.67 in a four-horse photo finish while closing fastest of all to defeat millionaire Rahystrada. Doubles Partner's victory in Gulfstream Park's Canadian Turf Stakes-G3 in 2012 was accomplished in 1:32.56 for 1 mile while defeating Trend, Data Link and Little Mike.

Among Doubles Partner's five stakes-placings were thirds in the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic-G1 in 2011 and the 2012 Maker's 46 Mile Stakes-G1.

Out of Serena's Song's full-sister Serena's Sister (by Rahy), Doubles Partner is a half-brother to stakes winner and group stakes-producer Stormy Venus. His half-sister Princess Serena is the dam of Australian group winner and Group 1-placed Puissance de Lune and granddam of Rizeena, winner of the 2013 Moyglare Stud Stakes-G1 and a Cartier Award finalist for top European juvenile filly.

Dozens of graded winners appear in Doubles Partner's immediate family. Hall of Famer Serena's Song earned more than \$3.2 million, was champion 3-year-old filly of 1995 and captured 11 Grade 1 races. She has produced five stakes winners: Sophisticat, winner of England's Coronation Stakes-G1; Grand Reward, winner of the Oaklawn Handicap-G2 and a Group 1 sire in Argentina; Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Handicap winner and sire Harlington; Grade 3 John B. Connally Turf Cup Handicap winner Schramsberg; and three-time stakes winner Serena's Tune. The latter is the dam of group winner Vocalised, and granddam of Noble Tune (\$492,222, American Turf S-G2, Pilgrim S-G3, 2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1) and Honor Code, a leading 2-year-old of 2013 after winning the Remsen Stakes-G2 and finishing second in the Champagne Stakes-G1.



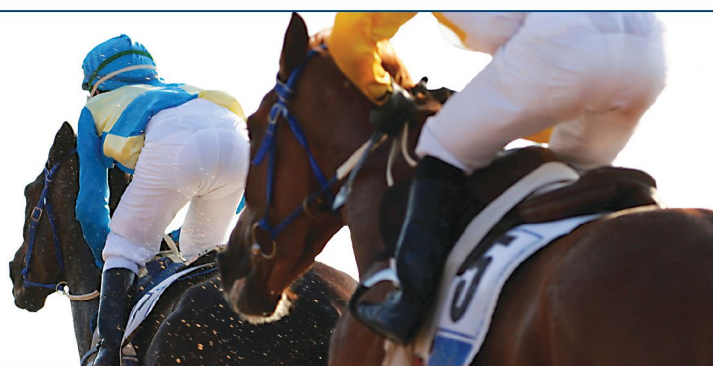
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Footnotes

Storm Cat–Key Phrase, by Flying Paster

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Also standing: EVANGELISM

First winner for Maryland sire Unbridled Mate

Leading from the start, the 3-year-old gelding Jo Way Java swept to a 1¼-length victory at Laurel Park Nov. 8. It was his first win, and he became the first winner for his sire Unbridled Mate. Jo Way Java is from the first full crop for Unbridled Mate, who stands at Royal Wux Farm in Chestertown, Md. Unbridled Mate sired three foals before being moved to Maryland for the 2009 season after being purchased by Joe Antao, who owns the stallion in the name of J & S Stables.

Jo Way Java, bred in New Jersey by Taylor Palmer III, is owned by Four Treasures LLC and Wayne Fallin and based at Bowie with trainer Annette Eubanks. The win came at 5½ furlongs on the turf.

Unbridled Mate, a multiple allowance-winning son of Unbridled's Song, was bred by Edward P. Evans and is from one of the late breeder's most prolific families.

Out of the Lyphard mare Bishop's Mate, the \$107,229-earner is a half-brother

to stakes winner Strike It Up. An earner of \$201,485, Strike It Up is the dam of stakes winners Euphony and Strike Again. Euphony won seven stakes during her career, including the Grade 3 Arlington Matron on her way to earning \$589,636.

Unbridled Mate's second dam, Possible Mate, won nine stakes (four graded) and earned \$675,999. She produced three stakes winners, including \$555,037-earner Fairy Garden, a full-sister to Bishop's Mate who captured four graded races and set a new course record at Saratoga. Possible Mate is also the granddam of six-time stakes winner and Grade 1-placed Tap Day (\$784,897).

The Axe II mare Execution, third dam of Unbridled Mate, is the dam of three other stakes horses—stakes winners and stakes producers Shy Proposal and Chinese Empress and stakes-placed sire Ajaad—as well as major producers Dancing Mahmoud and Homewrecker.

Chinese Empress became the dam of Alcibiades Stakes-G1 winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes-G1 runner-up Dream Empress. Dancing Mahmoud produced millionaire Guided Tour and three other graded stakes horses. And Homewrecker is the dam of five stakes winners, including Grade 1 winner Prenup (\$428,142, Jerome H-G1, etc.), Cat's At Home (\$708,575), world record-setter Honor the Hero (\$688,037) and Giant Wrecker (\$357,097). She is the granddam of Grade 1-winning juvenile and sire Yonaguska.

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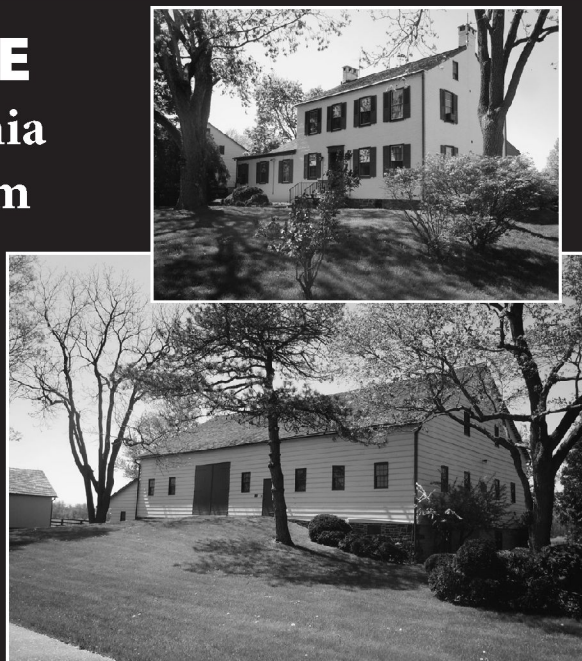
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STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2013

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
 These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.
 The following statistics, compiled on December 3, reflect 2013 earnings for all countries in the Northern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner
1. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	355	219	1,360	128	218	Ria Antonia (\$1,156,140)	\$7,240,735	58	\$33,063
2. Any Given Saturday (Pa)	348	165	955	87	141	Hyuma (\$334,743)	5,069,714	53	30,726
3. E Dubai (Md)	742	189	1,330	105	185	Fort Larned (\$790,086)	4,577,738	56	24,221
4. Smarty Jones (Pa)	365	123	752	72	124	Better Life (\$678,635)	4,462,858	59	36,283
5. Jump Start (Pa)	656	143	935	83	145	Prayer for Relief (\$391,188)	4,136,033	58	28,923
6. Wiseman's Ferry (Pa)	269	70	560	40	69	Wise Dan (\$2,751,972)	4,051,560	57	57,879
7. Orientate (Md)	715	182	1,304	93	156	Great Hot (Brz) (\$180,960)	3,562,886	51	19,576
8. Corinthian (Pa)	332	193	1,015	95	137	Justoneatheguys (\$122,299)	3,528,801	49	18,284
9. Silver Train (Pa)	305	167	1,217	97	175	Ogermeister (\$102,491)	3,227,458	58	19,326
10. Not For Love (Md)	848	128	795	58	99	Eighttofasttocatch (\$294,155)	2,724,895	45	21,288
11. Flashy Bull (Pa)	164	108	723	52	93	Flashy American (\$286,380)	2,672,097	48	24,742
12. Limehouse (WV)	309	125	830	70	126	Sandy's Slew (\$105,523)	2,597,565	56	20,781
13. Dance With Ravens (Md)	284	113	715	54	76	Maddy's Dance (\$153,140)	2,304,979	48	20,398
14. Offlee Wild (Pa)	279	108	677	55	98	Hogy (\$339,500)	2,266,184	51	20,983
15. Giacomo (Md)	237	109	677	57	93	Disposablepleasure (\$170,360)	1,947,734	52	17,869
16. Petionville (Pa)	647	99	645	51	101	Tomorrow's Tale (\$125,365)	1,808,360	52	18,266
17. Outflanker (Md)	481	67	472	35	60	Javerre (\$199,034)	1,696,557	52	25,322
18. Great Notion (Md)	145	56	292	28	46	Havelock (\$154,023)	1,550,773	50	27,692
19. Fairbanks (Pa)	107	66	370	28	47	Synapse (\$125,200)	1,517,956	42	22,999
20. Windsor Castle (WV)	179	75	522	38	71	Down Town Allen (\$113,860)	1,421,166	51	18,949
21. Lion Hearted (Md)	529	100	652	44	76	Mystical Terp (\$92,120)	1,420,651	44	14,207
22. Real Quiet (deceased)	623	69	459	30	37	Norman Asbjornson (\$193,250)	1,408,135	43	20,408
23. Defrere (NJ)	562	64	496	31	49	Peri Whan (\$113,520)	1,343,430	48	20,991
24. Louis Quatorze (Md)	924	69	507	37	71	Ribo Bobo (\$246,435)	1,331,402	54	19,296
25. Two Punch (deceased)	1,090	71	381	31	47	Bold Affair (\$195,000)	1,247,208	44	17,566
26. Albert the Great (Pa)	345	57	423	34	57	Chicharito (\$157,450)	1,242,031	60	21,790
27. Luftikus (WV)	261	58	362	24	45	Amherst Street (\$195,316)	1,176,100	41	20,278
28. Rock Slide (Md)	234	58	404	28	44	Rockinonthewater (\$146,124)	1,128,511	48	19,457
29. Trajectory (Pa)	353	70	464	26	60	Line of Best Fit (\$151,565)	1,107,779	37	15,825
30. Medalist (Pa)	165	51	314	30	53	Horizontalsspeakin (\$91,810)	1,104,955	59	21,666
31. Love of Money (deceased)	100	57	421	26	40	Lexi's Pal (\$77,904)	1,100,588	46	19,309
32. Scipion (Md)	77	45	323	24	48	Pitch N Roll (\$125,605)	1,038,218	53	23,072
33. Gators N Bears (deceased)	144	51	336	22	39	Ju Ju Eyeballs (\$169,280)	991,593	43	19,443
34. Lite the Fuse (Pa)	525	50	318	27	42	Lisa Stannard (\$138,020)	954,228	54	19,085
35. Partner's Hero (Pa)	426	50	334	21	32	Vianney Lane (\$106,440)	863,947	42	17,279
36. Pure Precision (Pa)	155	31	206	14	25	Tightend Touchdown (\$427,000)	808,447	45	26,079
37. Gimmeawink (Pa)	185	63	551	36	60	Pallium Prize (\$57,103)	803,944	57	12,761
38. Showing Up (Md)	83	42	212	19	27	Bon Accord (\$124,620)	737,548	45	17,561
39. Don Six (NJ)	67	30	212	16	25	Saucy Don (\$93,565)	703,136	53	23,438
40. Black Tie Affair (Ire) (deceased)	914	47	372	17	27	Marvelous Chester (\$64,010)	641,161	36	13,642
41. Delaware Township (Pa)	268	40	322	22	40	Coco Point (\$64,500)	612,321	55	15,308
42. Fiber Sonde (WV)	34	20	123	13	31	Hidden Canyon (\$109,005)	601,066	65	30,053
43. Prized (pensioned)	752	48	279	18	26	Premio Loco (\$91,948)	599,268	38	12,485
44. Weigelia (Pa)	33	24	169	13	21	Isabella Swift (\$96,153)	598,325	54	24,930
45. Formal Dinner (pensioned)	631	39	333	24	45	Caviar N Champagne (\$94,400)	569,578	62	14,605
46. Bop (deceased)	150	39	210	15	22	Bomber (\$87,590)	567,181	38	14,543
47. Mo Mon (deceased)	122	31	261	12	19	Elba (\$116,485)	560,751	39	18,089
48. Activist (Pa)	166	34	201	13	24	Paliuli (\$76,530)	560,437	38	16,483
49. Sir Shackleton (Pa)	89	36	264	21	36	Sir Newcastle (\$70,150)	551,223	58	15,312
50. Reparations (WV)	115	31	259	21	35	Red Penny Princess (\$66,493)	551,086	68	17,777
51. Invisible Ink (deceased)	108	24	161	14	28	Adios Nardo (\$105,560)	537,558	58	22,398
52. Crafty Friend (pensioned)	355	24	181	9	21	Crafty Concorde (\$156,600)	533,819	38	22,242
53. Cherokee's Boy (Md)	69	29	213	11	14	Who Dat Boy (\$66,680)	532,059	38	18,347
54. Rimrod (Pa)	71	26	142	12	17	Lenape Rim (\$100,150)	483,134	46	18,582
55. During (WV)	151	29	155	12	20	Jake N Elwood (\$101,850)	474,217	41	16,352
56. Unbridled Jet (deceased)	250	21	151	11	15	Pinot Grigio (\$98,038)	447,196	52	21,295
57. Peak Dancer (WV)	54	21	165	13	23	Pacmango (\$53,710)	445,117	62	21,196
58. Yarrow Brae (WV)	278	22	135	12	22	Margaret High (\$66,108)	443,490	55	20,159
59. Southern Success (Pa)	37	18	136	14	21	Southern Parfait (\$71,596)	434,463	78	24,137
60. Power by Far (Pa)	106	14	111	6	11	Power of Snunner (\$143,700)	394,537	43	28,181
61. More Smoke (Pa)	45	21	123	11	16	Raging Smoke (\$75,720)	376,825	52	17,944
62. Chelsey Cat (NC)	126	21	212	14	21	AsiaGray (\$61,730)	369,057	67	17,574
63. Wheaton (deceased)	329	9	77	6	9	Russell Road (\$260,404)	365,945	67	40,661
64. Got the Last Laugh (Pa)	30	17	105	10	18	My Emma (\$82,180)	358,521	59	21,089
65. Greek Sun (Md)	28	17	114	11	16	Periwinkle (\$67,442)	357,016	65	21,001

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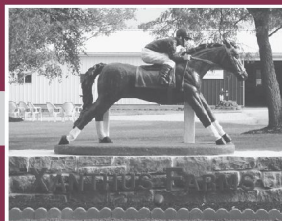
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MD-bred: ACCESS TO CHARLIE, BEN'S CAT, EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH, JOINT CUSTODY, SLIP AND DRIVE. NJ-bred: EXIT STAGE LEFT. PA-bred: EMOTIONAL KITTEN, GRACER, RES JUDICATA, STORMING INTI. VA-bred: CENTRIQUE, SERVICE FOR TEN. WV-bred: AMHERST STREET, IN THE FAIRWAY, LUCY'S BOB BOY, RED HOT DIVA.

Maryland-bred

ACCESS TO CHARLIE

Geisha Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up.
Laurel Park, Nov. 9.

			Siberian Express	Caro (Ire)	
	In Excess (Ire)		Kantado	Indian Call	
	Indian Charlie		Leo Castelli	Saulingo	
	Soviet Sojourn		Political Parfait	Vi	
	Access to Charlie, dk.b./br.m., 2008		Halo	Sovereign Dancer	
	Devil's Bag		Ballade	Suspicious Native	
	Media Access		Storm Bird	Diplomat Way	
	Foufa		Afifa	Peach Butter	
				Hail to Reason	
				Cosmah	
				*Herbager	
				Miss Swapsco	
				Northern Dancer	
				South Ocean	
				Dewan	
				Hooplah	
10	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
11 (sw)	6	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	\$ 65,870
12	10	2	1	1	79,850
13 (sw)	5	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	95,500
	21	5 (2)	2 (1)	5 (3)	\$241,220 (through Nov. 9)

2011: 1st \$60,000 **Twixt S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Oct. 22; 3rd **Geisha S**, 2013: 1st \$75,000 **Geisha S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 9; 2nd **Maryland Racing Media S**; 3rd **Nellie Morse S**, **Conniver S**.

Bred by Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender (Md.); owned by Howard M. Bender; trained by Lawrence E. Murray.

Sire: **INDIAN CHARLIE**, b., 95 (deceased).

Dam: **MEDIA ACCESS**, b., 98, bred by Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender (Md.). Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 4 wins at 3, \$211,372, Miss Liberty S, 2nd Summer Finale H, George Rosenberger Memorial S, 3rd W.Va. Senate President's Cup H twice, Firecracker H, Waya S.

05 E. Z. Access, ch.g. by Mr. Greeley. Raced 4 years, 33 starts, 3 wins at 4 and 5, \$56,500.

06 Media Speed, dk.b./br.g. by Langfuhr. Raced 6 years, 55 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$52,904.

07 Strict Access, ch.f. by Mr. Greeley. Raced 3 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 3, \$26,420.

08 **ACCESS TO CHARLIE**, dk.b./br.f. by Indian Charlie.

09 Vow to Access, ch.f. by Broken Vow. Unraced.

10 Bear Access, b.f. by Gators N Bears. Raced 2 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 2, \$39,800.

11 Dead foal.

12 b.c. by Broken Vow.

13 Dead foal.

BEN'S CAT

Fabulous Strike Handicap

\$250,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Penn National, Nov. 27.

			Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer
			Parker's Storm Cat	Terlingua	South Ocean
			Macoumba	Mr. Prospector	Secretariat
			Ben's Cat, dk.b./br.g., 2006	Maximova (Fr)	Crimson Saint
			Thirty Eight Paces	Nodouble	Raise a Native
			Twofox	Thirty Paces	Gold Digger
			Dronette	Drone	Green Dancer
				Stacey d'Ette	Baracala
					*Noholme II
					Abla-Jay
					Dancing Count
					Bank Book Sadye
					Sir Gaylord
					Cap and Bells
					*Pago Pago
					Roger Ann
08-09	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
	unraced				
10 (sw)	9	8 (3)	1 (1)	0	\$ 211,980
11 (sw)	11	6 (6)	1 (1)	1 (1)	588,250
12 (sw)	9	5 (5)	1 (1)	0	557,060
13 (sw)	8	5 (5)	1 (1)	2 (2)	505,350
	37	24 (19)	4 (4)	3 (3)	\$1,862,640 (through Nov. 27)

2010: 1st \$50,000 **Mister Diz S**, 6 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Aug. 21; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Turf Sprint H**, 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 2; \$50,000 **Find H**, 1¼ mi., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Oct. 30; 2nd **Forty Niner S**, 2011: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 5 fur. (off turf), registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, April 9; \$75,000 **Jim McKay Turf Sprint S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 20; \$200,000 **Pennsylvania Governor's Cup H**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Penn National, July 30; \$350,000 **Turf Monster H-G3**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 5; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Turf Sprint H**, 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 1; \$75,000 **Laurel Dash S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 6 fur. (off turf), 3 & up, Laurel, Oct. 29; 2nd **Parx Dash H**; 3rd **Six Bits H**, 2012: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 5 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 7; \$150,000 **Parx Dash H**, 5 fur., turf (ncr—:54.96), 3 & up, Parx, June 17; \$350,000 **Turf Monster H-G3**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Parx, Sept. 3; \$100,000 **Maryland Million Turf Sprint H**, 5½ fur., turf, 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 6; \$200,000 **Fabulous Strike H**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Penn National, Nov. 21; 2nd **Laurel Dash S**, 2013: 1st \$75,000 **Mister Diz S**, 5 fur., turf, registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Pimlico, April 6; \$100,000 **Jim McKay Turf Sprint S**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Pimlico, May 17; \$200,000 **Parx Dash H-G3**, 5 fur., turf, 3 & up, Parx, July 5; \$100,000 **Laurel Dash S**, 6 fur., turf, 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 21; \$250,000 **Fabulous Strike H**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Penn National, Nov. 27; 2nd **Maryland Million Turf S**; 3rd **Turf Monster H-G3**, **Pennsylvania Governor's Cup H**.

Bred by K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc. (Md.); owned by The Jim Stable; trained by King T. Leatherbury.

Sire: **PARKER'S STORM CAT**, dk.b./br., 00, stands at Gibson Thoroughbred Farm, Thorp, Wash.

Dam: **Twofox**, dk.b./br., 93, bred by K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc. (Md.). Raced 3 years, 23 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$76,753, 2nd Pearl Necklace S, 3rd Maryland Million Ladies S.

00 My Nin, dk.b./br.f. by Citidancer. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$90,610. Producer.

01 Two T's, b.g. by Rinka Das. Raced 6 years, 52 starts, 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$67,665.

02 Too Sly, b.g. by Tamayaz. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 1 win at 3, \$11,435.

03 Barren.

04 Best, dk.b./br.f. by Lion Hearted. Unraced.

05 Hound, dk.b./br.g. by Crowd Pleaser. Raced 6 years, 52 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 8, \$118,398.

06 **BEN'S CAT**, dk.b./br.g. by Parker's Storm Cat.

07 Pair, dk.b./br.g. by Lion Hearted. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$16,819.

08 Tanka, dk.b./br.f. by Dance With Ravens. Raced 3 years, 11 starts, 1 win at 5, \$45,730.

10 Bens Kin, b.f. by Dance With Ravens. Unraced.

12-13 Barren.

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Dance Number	Northern Dancer	Nashua
Eighttofasttocatch , ch.g., 2006	Numbered Account	Sequence
Nice Catch	Pass Catcher	Nearctic
Too Fast to Catch	Gay Behavior	Natalma
Fast Chop	Hatchet Man	Buckpasser
	Step On It	Intriguing
		All Hands
		La Grue
		Chateaugay
		Behavior
		The Axe II
		Bebopper
		Bold Lad
		Clear Road
08	starts 3	1st 0
09	10	2 2
10	7	2 0
11 (sw)	10	5 (4)
12 (sw)	8	2 (2)
13 (sw)	8	4 (4)
	46	15 (10)
		2nd 1
		3rd 1
		earnings \$ 10,200
		51,600
		63,190
		266,200
		169,240
		354,155
		\$914,585 (through Dec.7)

2010: 3rd **Maryland Million Turf S.** 2011: 1st \$75,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S.** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, March 26; \$75,000 **Japan Racing Association S.** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1 mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 10; \$150,000 **Maryland Million Classic S.**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 1; \$75,000 **Jennings H.**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 3; 2nd **Joseph French Memorial S.** 2012: 1st \$100,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, March 24; \$100,000 **Jennings H.**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 1; 2nd **Broad Brush S.** 2013: 1st \$100,000 **Henry S. Clark S.** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi. (off turf), 3 & up, Pimlico, April 20; \$150,000 **Maryland Million Classic S.**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 19; \$100,000 **Jennings H.**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 16; \$100,000 **Broad Brush S.**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 7; 2nd **Pimlico Special S-G3, Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S.**

Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable (Md.); owned by Sylvia E. Heft; trained by Timothy L. Keefe.

Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE**, b., 90, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: **Too Fast to Catch**, ro., 88, bred by Ann M. Riley (Fla.). Raced 3 years, 47 starts, 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$109,180, 3rd Buddleia S. (OBS April 90—\$21,000)

94 Valay, ch.f. by Carnivalay. Raced 2 years, 11 starts at 4 and 5, 0 wins, \$516.

95 **STORM PUNCH**, gr./ro.g. by Two Punch. Raced 7 years, 36 starts, 10 wins, 2 to 8, \$310,619, Primer S, 2nd Stanton S, 3rd Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S-G1, Chesapeake S, Maryland Million Sprint H. (FTM Sept 96—\$32,000)

96 Catch as Catch Can, b.c. by Allen's Prospect. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 2, \$24,560. (FTM Sept 97—\$60,000)

98 Not for Me, ch.c. by Not For Love. Raced 5 years, 50 starts, 7 wins, 2 to 6, \$172,647. (FTM Dec 98—\$50,000)

99 Fireballer, gr./ro.g. by West by West. Raced 4 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$46,794. (FTM Oct 00—\$47,000)

00 Barren.

01 Toofastforyou, gr./ro.g. by Smoke Glacken. Raced 2 years, 19 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$57,400. Died 2004. (Kee Nov 01—\$20,000)

02 Three Deuces, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. In U.S. and England, raced 3 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$78,759. (Kee Sept 03—\$110,000; FTF Feb 04—\$210,000; Kee Jan 07—\$30,000). Producer.

03 Matty My Boy, gr./ro.c. by Broken Vow. Unraced. Died 2005. (FTK July 04—\$75,000; Kee April 05—\$180,000)

04 **Southern Man**, gr./ro.g. by Two Punch. Raced 4 years, 35 starts, 5 wins at 4 and 5, \$94,515, 3rd Big Ed Starter S. (Kee Sept 05—\$90,000; OBS March 06—\$210,000) Died 2009.

05 Fast Punch N Judy, gr./ro.f. by Two Punch. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$15,391. (Kee Sept 06—\$50,000; OBS March 07—\$160,000)

06 **EIGHTTOFASTTOCATCH**, ch.g. by Not For Love. (FTM Oct 07—\$47,000)

07 McKenzie Friend, ch.g. by Domestic Dispute. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 2, \$9,575.

08 **BAYONNE**, b.f. by Dance With Ravens. Raced 4 years, 23 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 5, \$201,783, Pink Ribbon S, 3rd Sugar Maple S, HBPA Municipalities Mayors H.

09 McNair and Adger, gr./ro.g. by Bob and John. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 1 win at 2, \$39,700. (FTM Oct 10—\$30,000; FTM May 11—\$80,000)

10 Barren.

JOINT CUSTODY

Marylander Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 7.



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Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
Outflanker	Pas de Nom	Natalma
Lassie's Lady	Alydar	Admiral's Voyage
Joint Custody , gr./ro.g., 2011	Lassie Dear	*Petitioner
Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy	Raise a Native
Paying Off	Macoumba	Sweet Tooth
Chief Witch (GB)	Be My Chief	Buckpasser
	Miss Witch	Gay Missile
		Seattle Slew
		Weekend Surprise
		Mr. Prospector
		Maximova (Fr)
		Chief's Crown
		Lady Be Mine
		High Line
		Magic Spell (Fr)
13 (sw)	starts 5	1st 3 (1)
	2nd 1 (1)	3rd 0
		earnings \$122,980 (through Dec. 7)

2013: 1st \$100,000 Marylander S, 7 fur., 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 7; **2nd Maryland Million Nursery S**.

Bred by Janet Wayson (Md.); owned by Konrad M. Wayson; trained by John J. Robb.

Sire: **OUTFLANKER**, dk.b./br., 94, stands at Shamrock Farm, Woodbine, Md.

Dam: **PAYING OFF**, gr./ro., 04, bred by High Mountain Farm LLC (Md.). Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$192,380, Twixt S, 2nd Smart Halo S, Maryland Million Oaks, Xtra Heat S, 3rd Go for Wand S, Peach Blossom S, Maryland Million Lassie S, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S. (FTM Oct 05—\$14,000)

10 Craftwell's Belle, dk.b./br.f. by St Averil. Raced 2 years, 18 starts, 1 win at 3, \$43,470.

11 **JOINT CUSTODY**, gr./ro.g. by Outflanker.

12 Awol, gr./ro.c. by Outflanker.

SLIP AND DRIVE

Japan Racing Association Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 9.

El Prado (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer
Artie Schiller	Lady Capulet	Fairy Bridge
Hidden Light	Majestic Light	Sir Ivor
Slip and Drive , b.h., 2008	Tallahto	Cap and Bells
Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Majestic Prince
The Green Owl	Blushing Promise	Irradiate
Acting Brave	Naskra	Nantallah
	Brave Actress	Legato
		Raise a Native
		Gold Digger
		Blushing Groom (Fr)
		Summertime Promise
		Nasram
		*Iskra
		Reviewer
		Black Apache
10	starts unraced	
11	5	1
12	7	3
13 (sw)	6	2 (1)
	18	6 (1)
		2nd 2
		3rd 0
		earnings \$ 37,000
		172,100
		106,765
		\$315,865 (through Nov. 16)

2012: 2nd Sussex S; **3rd Shadwell Turf Mile S-G1**. **2013: 1st \$100,000 Japan Racing Association S**, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 9; **2nd Brooks Fields S**.

Bred by John T. Crane Jr. and Margaret M. Crane (Md.); owned by Jer-Mar Stable LLC; trained by McLean Robertson.

Sire: **STORMY ATLANTIC**, dk.b./br., 94, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **THE GREEN OWL**, b., 95, bred by Alex G. Campbell Jr. (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 16 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$71,375. (Kee Nov 00—\$35,000; Kee Jan 12—\$50,000)

01 Barren.

02 Hoot N Holler, ch.g. by Citidancer. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$52,580. (FTM Oct 03—\$20,000)

03 Barren.

04 **BARBECUE EDDIE**, dk.b./br.g. by Stormy Atlantic. Raced 7 years in U.S. and U.A.E., 39 starts, 10 wins, 3 to 9, \$942,828, Al Maktoum Challenge-Round 1-G2, 2nd Palos Verdes H-G2, El Conejo H-G3, 3rd Ancient Title Breeders' Cup S-G1, Pat O'Brien Breeders' Cup H-G2, Firebreak S-G3, War Chant S (OBS March 06—\$55,000)

05 Novel Twist, gr./ro.f. by Holy Bull. Raced 1 year, 7 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$50,512. (Kee Sept 06—\$100,000)

06 Carson's Honor, dk.b./br.g. by Honour and Glory. Raced 6 years, 41 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 6, \$106,898. (Kee Sept 07—\$95,000)

07 Slipped.

08 **SLIP AND DRIVE**, b.c. by Artie Schiller. (Kee Sept 09—\$57,000)

09 Barren.

10 **STOUPINATOR**, dk.b./br.f. by Stormy Atlantic. Raced 1 year, 10 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$142,680, Northbound Pride Oaks, 3rd Forever Together S. (Kee Sept 11—\$16,000)

12 Show Stealer, dk.b./br.f. by Eskendereya.

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Stakes winners

New Jersey-bred

EXIT STAGE LEFT

Golden Nugget Stakes

\$50,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 2-year-olds. Golden Gate, Nov. 9.

Gold Rush Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 2-year-olds. Golden Gate, Dec. 7.

	Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano
	Noonmark	Trolley Song	Gana Facil
	In the Storm	Storm Cat	Caro (Ire)
	Exit Stage Left, ch.c., 2011	Ingoldsby	Lucky Spell
	Peaks and Valleys	Mt. Livermore	Storm Bird
	Hana J	Strike a Balance	Terlingua
	Judaire	Explodent	Screen King
		Hasty Jude	Dorothy Kay
			Blushing Groom (Fr)
			Flama Ardiente
			Green Dancer
			Strike a Pose
			Nearctic
			Venomous
			Hasty Road
			Lace Flower
13 (sw)	starts 2	1st 2 (2)	2nd 0
			3rd 0
			earnings \$75,350 (through Dec. 7)

2013: 1st \$50,000 **Golden Nugget S**, 6 fur., 2-year-olds, Golden Gate, Nov. 9; \$75,000 **Gold Rush S**, 1 mi., 2-year-olds, Golden Gate, Dec. 7.

Bred by Bright View Farm Inc. (N.J.); owned by Mark DeDomenico LLC and Jerry Hollendorfer; trained by Jerry Hollendorfer.

Sire: **NOONMARK**, dk.b./br., 03, stands at Sequel Stallions New York, Hudson, N.Y.

Dam: HANA J, b., 02, bred by Bright View Farm Inc. (N.J.). Unraced.

06 Barren.

07 Tamaqua, dk.b./br.g. by Millennium Wind. Raced 1 year, 4 starts at 3, 0 wins, \$6,000.

08 Silent Appeal, b.g. by Hook and Ladder. Raced 4 years, 29 starts, 7 wins at 3 and 5, \$229,601.

10 Our Hazel, dk.b./br.f. by Value Plus. Unraced.

11 **EXIT STAGE LEFT**, ch.c. by Noonmark. (FTM Oct 12—\$43,000; Bar March 13—\$100,000)

12 b.c. by Grand Reward. (FTM Oct 13—\$30,000)

13 Barren.

Pennsylvania-bred

EMOTIONAL KITTEN

Mrs. Revere Stakes-G2

\$175,000-added, 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies. Churchill Downs, Nov. 16.

	El Prado (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer
	Kitten's Joy	Lady Capulet	Fairy Bridge
	Kitten's First	Lear Fan	Sir Ivor
	Emotional Kitten, ch.f., 2010	That's My Hon	Cap and Bells
	Ghazi	Polish Navy	Roberto
	Silent Emotion	Port Damascus	Wac
	Coax Classic	Caveat	L'Enjoleur
		Coaxing	One Lane
			Danzig
			Navsup
			Damascus
			Paris Pike
			Cannonade
			Cold Hearted
			L'Enjoleur
			Zeal
12	starts 7	1st 1	2nd 1
			3rd 1
13 (sw)	7	3 (2)	1 (1)
			2 (1)
	14	4 (2)	2 (1)
			3 (1)
			earnings \$ 39,840
			317,693
			\$357,533 (through Nov. 16)

2013: 1st \$100,000 **Hilltop S**, 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Pimlico, May 17; \$175,000 **Mrs. Revere S-G2**, 1½ mi., turf, 3-year-old fillies, Churchill, Nov. 16; 2nd **American Oaks-G1**; 3rd **Del Mar Oaks-G1**.

Bred and owned by Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey (Pa.); trained by Wesley A. Ward. Sire: **KITTEN'S JOY**, ch., 01, stands at Ramsey Farm, Nicholasville, Ky.

Dam: **SILENT EMOTION**, b, 97, bred by Kenneth L. Ramsey and Sarah K. Ramsey (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 14 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$209,993, Pleasant Temper S, 2nd Patricia S. (Kee Nov 11—\$42,000 in foal to Kitten's Joy; Kee Nov 12—\$17,000 in foal to Giant Oak)

03 Temperature Rising, b.f. by Catienus. Raced 1 year, 8 starts, 1 win at 3, \$7,820.

04 **UNSPOKEN WORD**, dk.b./br.f. by Catienus. Raced 4 years, 31 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 5, \$370,122, Wild Applause S, Hillsborough H, Likely Exchange S, 2nd La Brea S-G1, Scoot S, Weekend Madness S, Mother's Day H, Marina S, 3rd CERF H, Tweedside S, Wintergreen S.

05 Standing Proud, ch.g. by Proud Citizen. Unraced.

06 Yesmar, dk.b./br.f. by Catienus. Raced 3 years, 15 starts, 1 win at 3, \$9,303. (Kee Sept 07—\$40,000)

07 Keith's Kitten, ch.f. by Kitten's Joy. Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 3, \$37,381. (Kee Nov 07—\$100,000)

08 Silent Joy, ch.f. by Kitten's Joy. Raced 4 years, 31 starts, 1 win at 2, \$87,770.

09 b.f. by Catienus.

10 **EMOTIONAL KITTEN**, ch.f. by Kitten's Joy.

12 b.f. by Kitten's Joy.

13 dk.b./br.f. by Giant Oak.

GRACER

Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 2-year-old fillies. Penn National, Nov. 27.

	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
	Exchange Rate	Pas de Nom	Natalma
	Sterling Pound	Seeking the Gold	Admiral's Voyage
	Gracer, gr./ro.f., 2011	Spectacular Bev	*Petitioner
	El Corredor	Mr. Greeley	Mr. Prospector
	Tina's Goal	Silvery Swan	Con Game
	Ismelda	Wavering Monarch	Spectacular Bid
		Scathing	Bev Bev
			Gone West
			Long Legend
			Silver Deputy
			Sociable Duck
			Majestic Light
			Uncommitted
			Vitriolic
			Monolith
13 (sw)	starts 4	1st 2 (1)	2nd 1
			3rd 1 (1)
			earnings \$122,000 (through Nov. 27)

2013: 1st \$75,000 **Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 6 fur., 2-year-old fillies, Penn National, Nov. 27; 3rd **Matron S-G2**.

Bred by Russell B. Jones Jr. (Pa.); owned by Team D; trained by Anthony W. Dutrow.

Sire: **EXCHANGE RATE**, gr./ro., 97, stands at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Ky.

Dam: TINA'S GOAL, b., 03, bred by Russell B. Jones Jr. (Pa.). Raced 2 years, 11 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$83,205. (FTM Dec 04—\$7,000)

09 Margin Trade, gr./ro.f. by Exchange Rate. Raced 2 years, 2 starts, 2 wins at 3 and 4, \$58,800.

11 **GRACER**, gr./ro.f. by Exchange Rate. (Kee Sept 12—\$150,000)

12 b.f. by Rock Hard Ten. (FTK Oct 13—\$42,000)

13 b.c. by Summer Bird.

RES JUDICATA

City of Laurel Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 3-year-olds. Laurel Park, Nov. 9.

	Elusive Quality	Gone West	Mr. Prospector
	Smarty Jones	Touch of Greatness	Secrettame
	I'll Get Along	Smile	Hero's Honor
	Res Judicata, ch.g., 2010	Dont Worry Bout Me	Ivory Wand
	Honour and Glory	Relaunch	In Reality
	Mohonour	Fair to All	Sunny Smile
	Mo Hotta Mo Betta	Unbridled	Foolish Pleasure
		Toots La Mae	Stolen Base
			In Reality
			Foggy Note
			Al Nasr (Fr)
			Gonfalon
			Fappiano
			Gana Facil
			Danzig Connection
			Fortunate Bid
12 (sw)	starts 4	1st 2 (1)	2nd 1 (1)
			3rd 0
13 (sw)	8	3 (1)	1 (1)
			0
	12	5 (2)	2 (2)
			0
			earnings \$ 86,220
			150,560
			\$236,780 (through Nov. 9)

2012: 1st \$75,000 **Christopher Elser Memorial S**, 6½ fur., 2-year-old colts and geldings nominated with the SCTOBA, Parx, Nov. 18; 2nd **Pennsylvania Nursery S**. **2013:** 1st \$100,000 **City of Laurel S**, 7 fur., 3-year-olds, Laurel, Nov. 9; 2nd **Fit to Fight S**.

Bred by Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.); owned by Someday Farm; trained by John C. Servis.

Sire: **SMARTY JONES**, ch., 01, stands at Northview PA, Peach Bottom, Pa.

Dam: MOHONOUR, b., 03, bred by Patricia L. Chapman (Pa.). Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, \$29,310.

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- 09 Yohonour, b.c. by Smarty Jones. Raced 1 year, 2 starts, 1 win at 3, \$17,668.
10 **RES JUDICATA**, ch.c. by Smarty Jones.
11 Tuscaloosa Jones, dk.b./br.c. by Smarty Jones. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$500.
12 dk.b./br.f. by Smarty Jones.
13 ch.f. by Smarty Jones.

STORMING INTI

Pulpit Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi. (off turf), 2-year-olds. Gulfstream Park, Nov. 30.

						Storm Cat	Storm Bird	Northern Dancer			
								South Ocean			
						Stormy Atlantic	Terlingua	Secretariat			
								Crimson Saint			
						Hail Atlantis	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning			
								My Charmer			
							Flippers	Coastal			
						Storming Inti , ch.c., 2011		Moccasin			
							A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew			
						Pulpit		Weekend Surprise			
							Preach	Mr. Prospector			
						Tarfaya		Narrate			
							Mt. Livermore	Blushing Groom (Fr)			
						Layounne		Flama Ardiente			
							La Affirmed	Affirmed			
								La Mesa			
						starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
						13 (sw)	4	3 (2)	0	1	\$179,500 (through Nov. 30)

2013: 1st \$100,000 **Awad S**, 1 mi., turf, 2-year-olds, Belmont, Oct. 27; \$100,000 **Pulpit S**, 1 mi. (off turf), 2-year-olds, Gulfstream, Nov. 30.

Bred by Brushwood Stable (Pa.); owned by Santa Rosa Racing Stables; trained by Chad C. Brown.

Sire: **STORMY ATLANTIC**, dk.b./br., 94, stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **TARFAYA**, ch., 2004, bred by Brushwood Stable (Pa.). Unraced.

10 Fine Spun, ch.f. by Hard Spun. Raced 2 years, 4 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$3,600. (Kee Sept 11—\$30,000; OBS April 12—\$90,000)

11 **STORMING INTI**, ch.c. by Stormy Atlantic. (Kee Sept 12—\$100,000)

12 Not covered previous year.

13 Slipped.

Virginia-bred

CENTRIQUE

Claiming Crown Glass Slipper Stakes

\$110,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up. Gulfstream Park, Dec. 7.

			Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	
	A.P. Indy			My Charmer	
			Weekend Surprise	Secretariat	
Malibu Moon				Lassie Dear	
	Macoumba		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	
			Maximova (Fr)	Gold Digger	
Centrique, b.f., 2009				Green Dancer	
				Baracala	
			Nijinsky II	Northern Dancer	
	Sky Classic			Flaming Page	
			No Class	Nodouble	
Penny Marie				Classy Quillo	
			Raise a Native	Native Dancer	
	Aspenglo			Raise You	
			Alpine Peak	Olympia	
				Bright Silver	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
11	4	0	0	0	\$ 6,570
12	13	6	4	0	150,180
13 (sw)	12	3 (1)	2	4 (3)	166,430
	29	9 (1)	6	4 (3)	\$323,180 (through Dec. 7)

2013: 1st \$110,000 **Claiming Crown Glass Slipper S**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Gulfstream, Dec. 7; 3rd **Nancy's Glitter H**, **Musical Romance S**, **Bold World H**.

Bred by Lazy Lane Farms Inc. (Va.); owned by Miller Racing LLC; trained by Martin D. Wolfson. Sire: **MALIBU MOON**, b., 97, stands at Spendthrift, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **PENNY MARIE**, gr./ro., 96, bred by Albert G. Clay (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 17 starts, 7 wins, 3 to 6, \$351,830, Arbor Vitae S, Miss America H, Winter Solstice H, 2nd Wilshire H-G3, Las Cienegas H-G3, 3rd Mamzelle S. (Kee Sept 97—\$27,000; Kee April 98—\$180,000; Kee Nov 03—\$330,000 in foal to Forest Wildcat)

04 Dontbetmoneymoney, gr/r.o.c. by Forest Wildcat. Unraced. (FTK Oct 05—\$92,000)

05 Barren.

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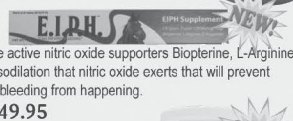
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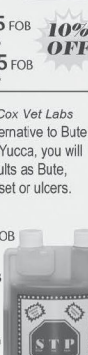
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- 06 **Quick Delivery**, b.g. by Distorted Humor. Raced 5 years, 36 starts, 9 wins, 3 to 7, \$227,078, 3rd Claiming Crown Emerald S.
 07 **White Satin**, gr./ro.f. by Indian Charlie. Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$12,120. Slipped.
 08 **Saigon Story**, b.c. by Quiet American. Raced 4 years, 47 starts, 6 wins, 3 to 5, \$88,464. (Kee Sept 09—\$110,000)
 09 **CENTRIQUE**, b.f. by Malibu Moon. (Kee Sept 10—\$60,000)
 10 **Rare Penny**, ch.f. by Pleasantly Perfect. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 1 win at 3, \$27,402.
 11 **Bern Legacy**, b.f. by Bernstein. Raced 1 year, 3 starts, 1 win at 2, \$31,289, 2nd Happy Ticket S. (Kee Jan 12—\$27,000)
 12 Not covered previous year.
 13 b.c. by Birdstone.

SERVICE FOR TEN

Dave's Friend Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 6 fur., 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 16.

						Vice Regent	Northern Dancer
						Deputy Minister	Victoria Regina
						Mint Copy	Bunty's Flight
						Service Stripe	Shakney
						Wedding Picture	Red God
						Strike a Pose	Runaway Bride (GB)
							Iron Ruler
							Take a Stand
						Wild Again	Icecapade
						Wild Zone	Bushel-n-Peck
						Music Zone	The Minstrel
						Sultry Song	Sharp Zone
						Tenacious Miss	Cox's Ridge
						Clearly Early	Sultry Sun
							Distinctive
							Cyanette
						starts	earnings
11		3	1	1	1		\$ 16,100
12		4	3	0	0		73,260
13 (sw)		5	3 (2)	0	2 (2)		158,150
		12	7 (2)	1	3 (2)		\$247,510 (through Nov. 16)

2013: 1st \$50,000 **Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial S**, 5½ fur., 4 & up, Delaware, Aug. 10; \$100,000 **Dave's Friend S**, 6 fur., 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 16; 3rd **Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S**, John B. Campbell H.

Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Cox Jr. (Va.); owned by Mark B. Lapidus LLC; trained by Damon R. Dilodovico.

Sire: **SERVICE STRIPE**, dk.b./br., 91, stands at Caines Stallion Station, Wynnewood, Okla.

Dam: **TENACIOUS CHERYL**, dk.b./br., 02, bred by Ro Parra (Tex.). Unraced.

07 **Wake Up Now**, dk.b./br.f. by Woke Up Dreamin. Raced 1 year, 5 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$16,896. (Kee Nov 07—\$12,000)

08 dk.b./br.c. by Shaniko.

09 **SERVICE FOR TEN**, dk.b./br.g. by Service Stripe.

2013: 1st \$50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Sept. 21; \$65,000 **West Virginia Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 19; \$100,000 **Tri-State Futurity**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds foaled in Md., Va. or W.Va., Charles Town, Nov. 9; \$50,000 **West Virginia Futurity**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Nov. 30.

Bred by James W. Casey (W.Va.); owned by Phyllis M. Susini LLC; trained by Javier Contreras. Sire: **LUFTIKUS**, ch., 96, stands at Taylor Mountain Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **ROMANTIC TWIST**, b., 00, bred by Douglas S. Arnold and Cavetown Bloodstock (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 20 starts, 5 wins at 4 and 5, \$113,124. (Kee Sept 01—\$55,000)

07 **Bahamian Twist**, dk.b./br.f. by Johannesburg. Raced 5 years, 37 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$42,915.

08 **WON'T BE DENIED**, dk.b./br.f. by Windsor Castle. Raced 4 years, 21 starts, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$151,005, Its Binn Too Long S, 2nd Fancy Buckles S.

09 **Rocky Twist**, dk.b./br.g. by Windsor Castle. Raced 3 years, 16 starts, 1 win at 3, \$56,990. Died 2013.

10 **Windsor's Twist**, ch.g. by Windsor Castle. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 3, \$46,380.

11 **AMHERST STREET**, ch.g. by Luftikus.

12 b.f. by Denis of Cork.

13 b.f. by Denis of Cork.

IN THE FAIRWAY

Thanksgiving Handicap

\$35,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 3 & up. Charles Town, Nov. 27.

			Deputy Minister	Vice Regent	
	Silver Deputy			Mint Copy	
			Silver Valley	Mr. Prospector	
Posse				Seven Valleys	
	Raska		Rahy	Blushing Groom (Fr)	
				Glorious Song	
			Borishka	Roberto	
In the Fairway, b.c., 2010				Queen Maud	
			Forty Niner	Mr. Prospector	
	End Sweep			File	
			Broom Dance	Dance Spell	
Royal Sweep				Witching Hour	
			Banner Bob	Herculean	
	Regal Pennant			Senorita Bolinas	
			Regal Relation	*Kamaraan II	
				Regal Tad	
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12 (sw)	5	4 (3)	0	0	\$126,811
13 (sw)	10	5 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	136,034
	15	9 (6)	1 (1)	1 (1)	\$262,845 (through Nov. 27)

2012: 1st \$50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings, Charles Town, Sept. 22; \$85,000 **W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S**, 6½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Charles Town, Oct. 20; \$50,000 **Tri-State Futurity**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds foaled in Maryland, Virginia or West Virginia, Charles Town, Nov. 10. **2013:** 1st \$50,000 **Coin Collector S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, June 29; \$65,000 **WVTBA "Onion Juice" Breeders Classic S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 19; \$35,000 **Thanksgiving H**, 7 fur., 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 27; 2nd **Robert G. Leavitt Memorial S**; 3rd **It's Only Money S**.

Bred and owned by Coleswood Farm Inc. (W.Va.); trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **POSSE**, b., 00, stands at Rockridge Stud, Hudson, N.Y.

Dam: **ROYAL SWEEP**, b., 00, bred by Craig and Cathy Beam (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 5 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$6,300. (Kee Sept 01—\$305,000; Kee Nov 03—\$95,000 in foal to Albert the Great; Kee Nov 05—\$310,000 in foal to Speightstown; Kee Nov 08—\$26,000 in foal to Discreet Cat; Kee Jan 12—\$4,700 in foal to Dunkirk; Stem Jan Mixed—\$4,200 in foal to Lion Tamer)

04 Tift, dk.b./br.g. by Albert the Great. Raced 3 years, 38 starts, 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$64,134.

05 Tessitura, b.f. by Unbridled's Song. Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$12,957. (Kee Nov 05—\$260,000; Kee Sept 06—\$350,000; Kee Jan 09—\$18,000) Producer.

06 Run Carly Run, b.f. by Speightstown. Raced 2 years, 12 starts, 2 wins at 3, \$51,715. (Kee Sept 07—\$30,000)

07 Vitamin C, dk.b./br.g. by Vindication. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 1 win at 3, \$5,170. (Kee Sept 08—\$30,000)

08 Barren.

09 Discreto, b.c. by Discreet Cat. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 1 win at 3, \$16,250. (Kee Nov 09—\$55,000; Kee Sept 10—\$80,000; OBS April 11—\$35,000)

10 **IN THE FAIRWAY**, b.c. by Posse.

11 Sugar Cane Royalty, b.f. by Dunkirk. (OBS Oct 12—\$17,000; OBS Aug 13—\$77,000)

13 c. by Lion Tamer.

LUCY'S BOB BOY

A Huevo Stakes

\$50,000-added, 1½ mi., registered accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up. Charles Town, Nov. 16.

West Virginia-bred

AMHERST STREET

Tri-State Futurity

\$100,000-added, 7 fur., 2-year-olds foaled in Maryland, Virginia or West Virginia. Charles Town, Nov. 9.

West Virginia Futurity

\$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-olds. Charles Town, Nov. 30.

					Hold Your Peace	Speak John
		Meadowlake				Blue Moon
					Suspicious Native	Raise a Native
	Luftikus					Be Suspicious
		Andora			Conquistador Cielo	Mr. Prospector
					Sabin	K D Princess
Amherst Street , ch.g., 2011						Lyphard
						Beaconaire
		Wild Rush			Wild Again	Icecapade
						Bushel-n-Peck
					Rose Park	Plugged Nickle
	Romantic Twist					Hardship
					Mining	Mr. Prospector
		Effie Bland				I Pass
					Brian's Babe	Olden Times
						Continuance
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		earnings
13 (sw)	5	5 (4)	0	0		\$195,316 (through Nov. 30)



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10% Stallion

17.5% Owner

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2014

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17.5% Owner

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2015

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10% Stallion

30% Owner

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Not For Love	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
Love for Lucy	Dance Number	Gold Digger
North Saratoga	Northern Baby	Northern Dancer
	Saratoga Days	Glowing Tribute
		Raise a Native
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		Northern Dancer
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		Northern Dancer
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	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
11 (sw)	2	2 (1)	0	0	\$ 46,170
12 (sw)	10	7 (3)	3 (1)	0	376,900
13 (sw)	10	7 (4)	0	0	211,660
	22	16 (8)	3 (1)	0	\$634,730 (through Dec. 7)

2011: 1st \$50,000 **Henry Mercer Memorial S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old colts and geldings, Charles Town, Sept. 17. **2012:** 1st \$50,000 **Coin Collector S**, 4½ fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, June 30; \$50,000 **Robert G. Leavitt S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 3-year-olds, Charles Town, Aug. 4; \$500,000 **West Virginia Breeders Classic S**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 20; 2nd **A Huevo S**, Set ntr at Charles Town—6½ fur. in 1:16.44. **2013:** 1st \$50,000 **Confucius Say S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, April 20; \$50,000 **Frank Gall Memorial S**, 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Aug. 17; \$85,000 **Wild and Wonderful S**, 7 fur., 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 21; \$50,000 **A Huevo S**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-breds, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 16.

Bred by Robert W. Furr Sr. (W.Va.); owned by Michael Furr; trained by Sandra A. Dono.
Sire: **FLATTER**, b., 99, stands at Claiborne Farm, Paris, Ky.

Dam: **Love for Lucy**, b., 00, bred by Robert W. Furr Sr. (W.Va.). Raced 3 years, 20 starts, 3 wins at 3, \$80,401, 2nd Ruth C. Funkhouser S, 3rd W.Va. Division of Tourism Breeders Classic S.

08 Mr. Clarence Furr, ch.c. by Race On Green. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, \$200.
09 **LUCY'S BOB BOY**, ch.g. by Flatter.

11 ch.f. by Flatter. Died 2011.
12 Slipped.
13 c. by Parading. Died 2013.

RED HOT DIVA

My Sister Pearl Stakes

\$50,000-added, 1½ mi., registered accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 9.

Deputy Minister	Vice Regent	Northern Dancer
Devon Deputy	Mint Copy	Victoria Regina
Devon Diva	The Minstrel	Bunty's Flight
Red Hot Diva , ch.f., 2010	Devon Ditty (GB)	Shakney
Melodisk	Alydar	Northern Dancer
Sweet Music	Bring Out the Band	Fleur
Susies Spyder	Salutely	Song
	Whistling Susie	Devon Night
		Raise a Native
		Sweet Tooth
		One for All
		Bold Tribute
		Hoist the Flag
		Politely
		Bold Monarch
		Pencader

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
12	2	1	1	0	\$ 20,800
13 (sw)	9	5 (3)	0	0	117,090
	11	6 (3)	1	0	\$137,890 (through Nov. 9)

2013: 1st \$35,000 **Harry Buch H**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Sept. 21; \$65,000 **West Virginia Breeders Classic Distaff S**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Oct. 19; \$50,000 **My Sister Pearl S**, 1½ mi., registered accredited W.Va.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Charles Town, Nov. 9. Bred and owned by Naomi R. Long (W.Va.); trained by Ollie L. Figgins III.

Sire: **DEVON DEPUTY**, ch., 96 (deceased).

Dam: **SWEET MUSIC**, ch., 98, bred by Naomi R. Long (W.Va.). Raced 4 years, 25 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$176,587, BB&T "Cavada" West Virginia Breeders Classic S, W.Va. Triple Crown Feed Breeders Classic S, 2nd Ruth C. Funkhouser S, 3rd W.Va. Division of Tourism Breeders Classic S, Roger Van Hoozer Memorial S.

08 Party Cake, ch.f. by Reparations. Raced 3 years, 21 starts, 1 win at 3, \$49,086.

09 Barren.

10 **RED HOT DIVA**, ch.f. by Devon Deputy.

12-13 Barren.

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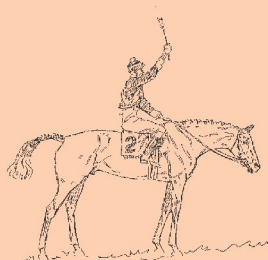
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— NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT —

An Afternoon Off

By Josh Pons

For two hours on a Thursday before Christmas, 40 students of the Maryland horse industry enjoyed an afternoon off from the daily grind, to attend a two-hour refresher course on racing and breeding in Maryland. The "class" consisted of the boards of directors of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and the Maryland Million Ltd.

Think of a Venn diagram, two interwoven circles, like a small Olympics logo, symbolizing logical relations. Pencil in the Horse Breeders and the Maryland Million. Now imagine adding two more circles, for the Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, to comprise the entire Thoroughbred industry. Each related by birth. Each united under the Venn diagram. That is the shape of the game today in Maryland: intersected circles.

The lesson was taught in the Pimlico Room of Baltimore's venerable Mt. Washington Tavern, a snowball's throw from the second-oldest racetrack in America, in a room adorned with colorful racing silks, of Preakness winners, of famous Maryland-bred champions, of photos of Seabiscuit besting War Admiral in the unforgettable match race of 1938.

Presenters comprised a "Think Tank":

1. Strategic communications firm KO Public Affairs;
2. Veteran MHBA lobbyist Dennis McCoy;
3. Governmental affairs firm Perry, White, Ross, and Jacobson (PWRJ); and
4. Documentary film company Rubicon Productions.

A late scratch was attorney Tim Maloney, for 16 years a member of the Maryland General Assembly, for the past 14 years in private practice, now counsel to the MHBA.

The "K" in KO stands for Steve Kearney, former communications director for Gov. Martin

O'Malley. Kearney believes that Marylanders are protective of their shared nostalgia. So he is crafting a communications campaign called The Colts Are Back, a trick play on words to recall a lost treasure, the Baltimore Colts NFL team, stolen away by a better deal out-of-state. A story familiar to the horse game, until Annapolis acted.

Kearney is aware that new stallions have arrived in Maryland for the 2014 breeding season. He shows a 60-second video of Maryland Million moments, racing to a dizzying climax as local horse experts repeat the refrain "The Colts Are Back."

The "O" in KO stands for Damian O'Doherty. As a strategist, he is said to make water run uphill. KO Public Affairs started an Internet program called Center Maryland, hosted by O'Doherty. It is a lively news source landing daily in the in-boxes of influential Marylanders. Think of mornings in Annapolis, legislators clicking onto Center Maryland the way horse folks click the Thoroughbred Daily News. Daily briefings in the digital age. He is excited about an upcoming interview with Maryland Racing Commission chairman Bruce Quade, architect with his fellow commissioners of this new day in Maryland.

For 37 years, the MHBA has been represented in Annapolis by former House of Delegates member Dennis McCoy. He cautions:

"There are those in Annapolis who would like to take back the funds fueling your industry's recovery. They will come at you again in 2014. You need to protect yourself. You need to build up your PAC war chest."

McCoy elevates the MHBA's Political Action Committee from backwater to mainstream. He is eloquent and gracious in his closing remarks to a grateful client. He steps down after the

2014 session, and his successor is the PWRJ firm, formed on July 1, 2013.

Oversimplified profiles of the young men behind the acronym:

Tim Perry served as Senate President Mike Miller's chief of staff from 2002-2006. Josh White ran the campaign for O'Malley's leap from mayor to governor. Justin Ross was 26 years old when elected to the House of Delegates, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee. Jonas Jacobson came up under Baltimore County executive Jim Smith, in the Department of the Environment.

Their website biographies reveal straight-line thinking, start-to-finish guys.

Wrapping up the four presentations was Rubicon, a Maryland non-profit specializing in documentary films. The company's Drew Perkins and Nick Carter are introduced by Maryland horse activist Jay Griswold, attuned to industry causes and the hard work necessary to fund them.

"Drew is working on a documentary spanning 350 years of Maryland Thoroughbred breeding and racing," Griswold says. "My friend Frank Bonsal and I have put up the seed money for this 'sizzler' you are about to see. We need the industry to step up and help us finish this film."

The screen comes alive with current events, interviews with Sagamore Farm

personnel, footage of Gelo Hall speaking of the Seabiscuit-War Admiral match. He was 11 years old.

"Those horses paraded as champions. They had 'eminence' about them."

The feeling in the room is magical.

On the screen, the history of the Thoroughbred in Maryland, as seen through the eyes of Perkins, a Ken Burns-devotee, a detail storyteller. And what a story it is, to tell, to preserve. To show to legislators in Annapolis.

Two years ago, the Mt. Washington Tavern burned down. One of the tavern's owners, Rob Frisch, is a racing fan. During rebuilding, he contacted Georganne Hale,

racing secretary for the Maryland tracks.

"Georganne dug into her address files, and we sent a card out asking for historic racing memorabilia," recounts Frisch. His Pimlico Room is a Maryland racing museum.

Griswold concluded the day with a question:

"Did you all know that President Franklin Roosevelt gave government employees the afternoon off so they could go to the match race at Pimlico?"

In the heart of the holiday season, the heart of the horse industry revived at the Mt. Washington Tavern. Once in a while, everyone needs an afternoon off to remember why they work.



Team Jim McKay Maryland Million Day prepares to Plunge

On Jan. 25, Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis will host thousands of warm-hearted Plungers for an experience that has become a winter tradition in Maryland. Once again, Team Jim McKay Maryland Million Day will show their support for Special Olympics Maryland by wading into the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

Over the years, Maryland Million Ltd. has partnered with Special Olympics Maryland for the Gala Auction, and Special Olympics equestrian athletes have demonstrated their skills on Jim McKay Maryland Million Day.

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University of Maryland breeding program sells first weanling class

By Joe Clancy

The University of Maryland hands out thousands of diplomas every year, but not like these two. Weanlings Amazin Terp and Diamondback Fire, the first horses born at the College Park campus in 30 years, sold at Fasig-Tipton's December Mixed Sale at Timonium Dec. 9, taking their first steps toward careers as racehorses.

Foaled and raised largely by students in the Equine Studies classes, the weanlings went through the sales ring like others on the day—only with some special circumstances. Fasig-Tipton and consignor Bill Reightler waived their commissions and fees on the sales to help the fledgling program and buyers were informed of the special circumstances while the horses were in the ring.

Equine Science and Management professor Dr. Amy Burk watched it all and smiled, as documented by video cameras from the university's communications department.

"I was happy," she said. "One of the goals of the program was to just bring in some income to make us more sustainable. For the first year out, I was happy. There were start-up costs. They add up, and we brought in some income."

The filly Amazin Terp went first as Hip 125. The small bay daughter of Cherokee's Boy and the Conquistador Cielo mare Amazin walked like a professional and remained calm and composed while others around her acted nervous. She looked quick, light, balanced. She also looked like she had a whole lot of growing to do—which kept her price down. She sold for \$3,000 to Teresa Beste of Christ Is King Stable.



The University of Maryland's Hip 141 gets ready to head to the ring with (from left) program graduate Melinda Gilmer, farm manager Tim Shellem, and faculty member Dr. Amy Burk.



Intern Johnny Weiss, who coordinated sales prep for the two weanlings, shows the Friesian Fire colt, Hip 141.

The buyer bought a nice horse, but also has a connection to the program as her son Johnny Weiss interned with Burk in 2013.

A few minutes later, Diamondback Fire strutted into the ring. The Friesian Fire colt drew attention because of his size, his look and interest in his new sire. Out of the Seeking Daylight mare Daylight Lassie, Hip 141 sold for \$9,000 to Louis Rao Jr.

While neither weanling set any records, it was a first step. The mares were donated by Maryland breeders Murmur Farm and Marama Farm, respectively. Burk and her Equine Reproduction and Equine Science students were there for the deliveries, imprinted the foals, did almost all of the sales prep (with some advice from Reightler) and took the horses to the market. Burk utilizes the small cam-

pus farm for foaling and other hands-on lessons, but the mares and foals spend much of their time on the university's 900-acre farm in Ellicott City. Burk carved out some space for horses on the property, home to a working dairy, pasture research projects and other related work.

The university is not equipped to keep horses beyond the weanling stage so Amazin Terp and Diamondback Fire went to the sales ring in December, even if both might have been more valuable later.

Burk appreciated the assistance along the way—from Reightler, Katy Voss, the mare donators and more—looks forward to building her program with more students and more horses. Daylight Lassie is in foal to Friesian Fire again. Amazin slipped early in her pregnancy so is not carrying a foal but a new mare, The Best Sister, was donated by Shamrock Farm and is carrying a Rock Slide foal due in February. Similar breeding programs have worked well at Virginia Tech, the University of Kentucky and University of Florida, so Burk is hopeful for the long-term success at Maryland. She's looking for another mare, but not just any mare.

"I have had a lot of people calling me, but I want a mare that improves the pedigree of our group and we only have one spot left," she said. "I need something that gives me a little oomph."

Reightler was impressed with the work done by Burk and her students and sees potential.

"The horses were prepared wonderfully," he said. "Amy's not a neophyte in this and they did a good job getting the horses ready. It was a good first foray into this."



MARYLAND-BRED STAKES WINNERS



Front-running Joint Custody wins Marylander Stakes

Konrad Wayson's Joint Custody broke alertly, quickly assumed the lead and then turned back all comers as he raced to victory in the 7-furlong Marylander Stakes for 2-year-olds Dec. 7 at Laurel to record his first stakes win. It was the son of Outflanker's third win from five starts, and increased his earnings to \$122,980.

Bred in Maryland by Janet Wayson, Joint Custody is the second foal out of Paying Off, a stakes-winning Maryland-bred daughter of Malibu Moon campaigned by Morgan Wayson and trained by Jerry Robb. Joint Custody, also trained by Robb, broke his maiden in his debut at Timonium in August going 4 furlongs and captured a 6-furlong allowance next out at Laurel before finishing second in the Maryland Million Nursery Stakes.



Jim McCue (2)

Slip and Drive all out to take Japan Racing Association Stakes

Jer-Mar Stable's Slip and Drive got his first stakes win in gritty fashion at age 5, contesting the lead from the start of the 1 1/8-mile grass test and getting the victory by a nose over hard-charging Roadhog in the \$100,000 Japan Racing Association Stakes at Laurel Park Nov. 9.

Guided by Carlos Marquez Jr., the gelded son of Artie Schiller won in a solid 1:42.87 after pedestrian fractions of :25.78, :50.70, 1:14.67 and 1:37.15. One of the longest shots on the board, Slip and Drive returned \$46.20.

The winner shipped in from Delaware Park for trainer McLean Robertson.

In one previous visit to Laurel, the gelding finished fourth in the 2012 Laurel Turf Cup.

Bred in Maryland by John Crane Jr. and Margaret Crane, Slip and Drive has put together a solid career for owners Jerome and Martha Myers, who purchased him for \$57,000 at the 2009 Keeneland September Yearling sale.

An allowance winner in each of his three seasons, Slip and Drive was second in his stakes debut at Delaware Park in July 2012 and finished third in the Grade 1 Shadwell Turf Mile behind Horse of the Year Wise Dan and Willcox Inn that fall. Slip and Drive didn't return to the races until this past June when he finished second in the Brooks Fields Stakes at Canterbury Park. He won an allowance at Delaware Park in September, his only other win in six outings this year.

One week after the Laurel stakes win, Slip and Drive lined up for Aqueduct's Red Smith Handicap-G3 where he finished fourth. From 18 starts, he has six wins, four seconds and two thirds, and has earned \$315,865.

The bay gelding is the third stakes winner for his dam The Green Owl, by Carson City, who was owned by Margaret Addis Crane for more than a decade. The richest of the three stakes winners is Barbecue Eddie (by Stormy Atlantic), who didn't get his first stakes win until last January at age 9. The Dubai-based Maryland-bred gelding, winner of the Al Maktoum Challenge-Round 1-G2, has amassed \$942,828, and was Grade 1 stakes-placed in the U.S. before sold to Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Barbecue Eddie's full-sister, Stoupinator, also trained by Robertson, won the Northbound Pride Oaks last August and was third in Delaware Park's Forever Together Stakes in September. The 3-year-old Kentucky-bred has earned \$142,680.

The Cranes sold the 17-year-old The Green Owl in foal to Eskendereya at the 2012 Keeneland January mixed sale for \$50,000.



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAP



Access to Charlie



Geisha Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 9.

Dk.b./br.m., 2008, by Indian Charlie—Media Access, by Devil's Bag. Bred by Sondra Bender and Howard M. Bender; owned by Howard M. Bender; trained by Lawrence E. Murray. Foaled at Glade Valley Farms, Frederick, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
21	5 (2)	2 (1)	5 (3)	\$241,220 (through Nov. 9)

2011: 1st \$60,000 **Twixt S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Oct. 22; 3rd **Geisha S**. **2013:** 1st \$75,000 **Geisha S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 9; 2nd **Maryland Racing Media S**; 3rd **Nellie Morse S**, **Conniver S**.

Howard Bender's Access to Charlie came out the winner of a three-horse photo in the 41st running of the Geisha Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares at Laurel Park Nov. 9. The daughter of Indian Charlie dueled with Monster Sleeping to win by a neck, with fast-closing Mystic Love a head back in third. The race carried a \$75,000 guaranteed purse, with an additional \$25,000 for Maryland-sired runners.

Julian Pimentel was at the controls as Access to Charlie

got the first win of her 5-year-old campaign, completing the mile in 1:39.56 and paying \$5.60 as the favorite. It was the first stakes win for the Bender colorbearer since taking the Twixt Stakes a little more than two years earlier. Third in the Geisha in 2011, and fourth in last year's edition, she hadn't started since June.

"This horse was coming off a layoff so you never know how they are going to come back," said trainer Larry Murray. "She was training very well and I think she was as good as she ever was. She had run into some tough fillies before but we thought this was a good spot for her."

In her first three starts of this campaign through March, she finished second in the Maryland Racing Media Stakes and was third in the Nellie Morse and Conniver Stakes.

A second-generation homebred for Bender and his late wife Sondra, Access to Charlie is one of five foals to race, all winners, for Media Access (\$211,372, Miss Liberty S, etc.), and her dam's first stakes performer. Access to Charlie's second dam is the

Benders' foundation mare Foufa, a daughter of Storm Bird who produced five stakes winners for the Benders, including graded winner Foufa's Warrior.

Still in production, 15-year-old Media Access has a current yearling by Broken Vow, but lost her foal by Blame this year. She was bred back to Lemon Drop Kid.

Eighttofasttocatch



Jennings Handicap

\$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., registered Maryland-breds, 3 & up. Laurel Park, Nov. 16.

Ch.g., 2006, by Not For Love—Too Fast to Catch, by Nice Catch. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable; owned by Sylvia E. Heft; trained by Timothy L. Keefe. Foaled at Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

	Lifetime			
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
46	15 (10)	7 (4)	4 (1)	\$914,585 (through Dec. 7)

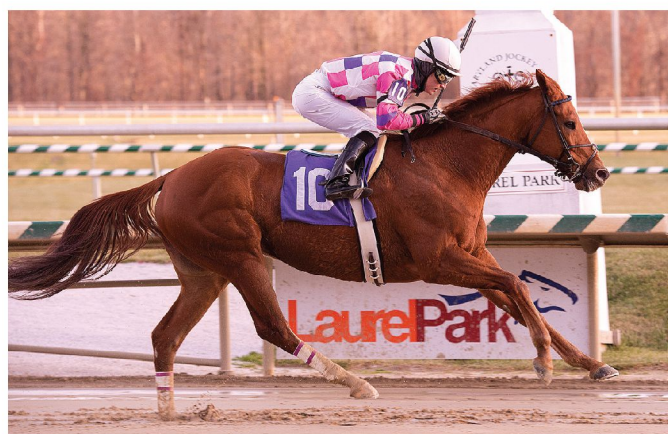
2010: 3rd **Maryland Million Turf S**. **2011:** 1st \$75,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, March 26; \$75,000 **Japan Racing Association S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1 mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Sept. 10; \$150,000 **Maryland Million Classic S**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 1; \$75,000 **Jennings H**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 3; 2nd **Joseph French Memorial S**. **2012:** 1st \$100,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Stakes** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, March 24; \$100,000 **Jennings H**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 1; 2nd **Broad Brush S**. **2013:** 1st \$100,000 **Henry S. Clark S** (includes \$25,000 Md.-bred Fund), 1½ mi. (off turf), 3 & up, Pimlico, April 20; \$150,000 **Maryland Million Classic S**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, sired by eligible Md. stallions, Laurel, Oct. 19; \$100,000 **Jennings H**, 1 mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Nov. 16; \$100,000 **Broad Brush S**, 1½ mi., 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 7; 2nd **Pimlico Special S-G3**, **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S**.

In the 72-year history of the Jennings Handicap it had happened only once before. Sylvia Heft's Eighttofasttocatch joined the legendary Little Bold John as the only three-time winners of the historic test, named for one of Maryland's all-time great horsemen, Preakness winning breeder/owner/trainer William Jennings Sr.

Taking control in the first quarter-mile of the \$100,000 1-mile test, Eighttofasttocatch cruised home the easiest of winners, 6 lengths on top as the 4-5 favorite in the field of seven Maryland-breds. Wild Louis gave chase to finish second, and it was another 6 lengths back to Concealed Identity in third. Final time was 1:36.76.

In the midst of his best season, the 7-year-old once again had it his own way in his next start as he galloped to a 2-length victory in the \$100,000 Broad Brush Stakes Dec. 7. The win in the 1½-mile race contested over a muddy track was his third stakes win in a row, fourth of the year and 10th overall as the Tim Keefe trainee upped his career earnings to \$914,585 from 46 starts. The Not For Love gelding's fall streak began with a dominating score in the Maryland Million Classic at Laurel. Earlier in 2013, he won the Henry S. Clark Stakes at Pimlico.

Bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable, Eighttofasttocatch is one of three stakes winners out of the Nice Catch mare Too Fast to Catch, and the richest of her dozen winners.



Jim McCue (2)



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
October 28 to November 24, 2013.

Geisha Stakes

November 9. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed (plus \$25,000 for Maryland sired). For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 6 competed. (Closed with 9 nominations.) Winner: ACCESS TO CHARLIE, by Indian Charlie. Breeder bonus: Bender and Bender LLC (\$13,500). Stallion bonus: None. Second: MONSTER SLEEPING, by Oratory. Breeder bonus: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel (\$6,000). Stallion bonus: Oratory Syndicate (\$2,000). Third: MYSTIC LOVE, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm (\$3,000). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$1,000).

Jennings Handicap

November 16. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed (plus \$25,000 for Maryland sired). For 3-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-breds. 1 mi. 7 competed. (Closed with 9 nominations.) Winner: EIGHTTOFASTCATCH, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable (\$18,000). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$6,000). Second: WILD LOUIS, by Louis Quatorze. Breeder bonus: PTK, LLC (\$6,000). Stallion bonus: Louis Quatorze Syndicate (\$2,000). Third: CONCEALED IDENTITY, by Smarty Jones. Breeder bonus: Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: None.

Breeder bonuses

Ayres Fountain Spring Farm—EVIL LAD: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$462; Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$882. (\$1,344)
David Baxter—KEEP MOMMA HAPPY: Nov. 23, 7th race, \$1,386. TRIPLE NET: Nov. 20, 1st race, \$6,840. (\$8,226)
Bender and Bender LLC—ACCESS TO CHARLIE: Nov. 9, 6th race, \$13,500. ACCESS TO THE MOON: Nov. 23, 6th race, \$2,646. ARUBAN TRUTH: Nov. 22, 6th race, \$6,840. COURT BAND: Nov. 15, 5th race, \$5,301. CRUISE MORE: Nov. 15, 5th race, \$1,953. NASHLY'S VOW: Nov. 13, 8th race, \$2,835. SUMMER HUSTLER: Nov. 7, 2nd race, \$945. (\$34,020)

Richard Blue Jr.—SCRAPPLE: Nov. 6, 9th race, \$4,617.
Blue Seas Music Inc.—VERY FEW DETAILS: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$4,617.
Bonita Farm—HIRAM: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$1,449.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—HOW BOUT JUNIOR: Nov. 8, 2nd race, \$759.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Brooke Bowman—VIELSALM: Nov. 20, 8th race, \$2,646.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—GRATEFUL NATION: Nov. 16, 9th race, \$7,695; Nov. 23, 8th race, \$2,961. (\$10,656)
Bowman and Higgins Stable—RESPECTFUL WISHES: Nov. 23, 6th race, \$7,182.
Bowman and Higgins Stable and Patricia L. Chapman—CONCEALED IDENTITY: Nov. 16, 4th race, \$2,250.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Richard W. Small—BEAUTIFUL SWIMMER: Nov. 14, 1st race, \$1,701.
Marshelle E. Bassford Burgess—MEREDITH'S JOY: Oct. 31, 2nd race, \$495.
Susan L. Christiansen and Maryland Stallion Station—WITHOUT VIRTUE: Nov. 21, 7th race, \$990.
Henry S. Clark III—MISS GLENGAR: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$2,736.
Lisa J. Class—MALIBU FEVER: Nov. 7, 9th race, \$528.
Corbett Farm—NOBODY BUT YOU: Nov. 8, 5th race, \$726.
Cordelia Stables LLC—MAGIC EIGHT BALL: Nov. 8, 8th race, \$2,646.
Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC—MOON VISION: Oct. 31, 4th race, \$5,643.
Country Roads Ltd.—IT'S A BANG: Nov. 16, 8th race, \$3,000. OLYMPIC MEDALLIST: Nov. 20, 7th race, \$6,840. (\$9,840)
Margaret and John Crane—SLIP AND DRIVE: Nov. 9, 8th race, \$18,000.
Dark Hollow Farm—MYSTIC LOVE: Nov. 9, 6th race, \$3,000.
Dark Hollow Farm, Arnold Davidov, Alice Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. David Schwaber—QUALIFY: Nov. 9, 3rd race, \$1,320.
Dark Hollow Farm and Herringswell Stable—EIGHTTOFASTCATCH: Nov. 16, 4th race, \$18,000.
Donald K. Dean—MARVELOUS CHESTER: Nov. 8, 5th race, \$3,762.
David DiPietro—GREEN WAVE GIRL: Nov. 2, 7th race, \$7,182. STAR MANUEVER: Nov. 16, 3rd race, \$5,130. (\$12,312)
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable Inc. and A. Leonard Pineau—CHARM CITY: Nov. 6, 5th race, \$1,890; Nov. 20, 5th race, \$5,130. (\$7,020)
Wilbur D. Everett and Joan Everett—LOVE HEART: Nov. 14, 4th race, \$2,907. STAR CROSSED LOVER: Nov. 9, 3rd race, \$2,520. (\$5,427)
W.S. Farish and Gasparilla Stable LLC—IN THE JUICE: Nov. 8, 4th race, \$2,565.
Fitzhugh LLC—BROADSIDE: Nov. 21, 5th race, \$2,394.
John Foster—BUCK N' HAM LANE: Nov. 6, 4th race, \$2,079.
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Friedman—CROSS MOUNTAIN: Nov. 13, 7th race, \$1,953.

Cornelia S. Gibson—THISDANSEISTAKEN: Oct. 30, 8th race, \$1,485; Nov. 14, 5th race, \$5,301. (\$6,786)
Glade Valley Farms Inc.—FEET INCLUDED: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$2,736. FLEET GOLD DIGGER: Nov. 20, 4th race, \$7,182. KISSED BY THE MIST: Oct. 31, 9th race, \$4,617; Nov. 6, 5th race, \$5,130. (\$19,665)
Glade Valley Farms Inc. and Taylor Made Stables—ADDISON RUN: Nov. 22, 3rd race, \$6,840.
Robin L. Graham and Mary E. Jones—SARBANES: Nov. 1, 5th race, \$1,122.
Keith A. Harpster—LUNAR ROCK: Nov. 21, 4th race, \$2,907.
William R. Harris—COUNT TO SEVEN: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$3,933.
Michael J. Harrison DVM—TALK SHOW MAN: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$1,386.
John C. Harroff DVM—BREAKING UP: Nov. 20, 2nd race, \$561.
Hickory Plains LLC—NO MEANS NO: Nov. 2, 9th race, \$5,130; Nov. 9, 5th race, \$2,646. (\$7,776)
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Vogel—MIDDLE JEWEL: Nov. 22, 6th race, \$1,320. MONSTER SLEEPING: Nov. 9, 6th race, \$6,000. (\$7,320)
Edwin C. Jenkins—PRINTASTICAT: Nov. 14, 2nd race, \$2,565.
R. Larry Johnson—A TRAIN ALEX: Nov. 22, 1st race, \$825.
Carol A. Kaye—ROCK SLIDE CLASSIC: Nov. 1, 6th race, \$945. SEE WHAT HAPPENS: Oct. 30, 3rd race, \$1,701. (\$2,646)
Carol A. Kaye and Robert Gerczak—PEPPER-MINT PRINCE: Nov. 8, 7th race, \$2,646.
K.T. Leatherbury Assoc. Inc.—TANKA: Nov. 15, 3rd race, \$4,617.
Lancer Stables—RUSH ATTACK: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$1,008.
Dr. Fred T. Lewis—WHO STOLE MY SOCK: Nov. 15, 9th race, \$660.
Marathon Farms Inc.—GREEK DEFAULT: Nov. 9, 2nd race, \$2,907.
Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—BOWMAN'S BOY: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$1,386.
H. Graham Motion—MOUNT CORONET: Oct. 30, 5th race, \$1,320.
Audrey Murray—FOUR SCIPS: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$1,260.
Nancy Lee Farms—BET THE CAT: Oct. 30, 9th race, \$495. CATTAIL CREEK: Nov. 14, 9th race, \$2,565. POETRY IN NOTION: Nov. 20, 9th race, \$2,736. (\$5,796)
Steven Newby—BRET'S AT CADDIES: Nov. 6, 3rd race, \$1,260.
Non Stop Stable—PETIE'S BOY: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$726.
Non Stop Stable and ZWP Stable—STEADY N LOVE: Nov. 7, 6th race, \$6,840; Nov. 23, 6th race, \$1,386. (\$8,226)
Northview Stallion Station Inc.—ALWAYS SMILING: Nov. 15, 7th race, \$1,122. MONEY FOR MARIA: Nov. 7, 5th race, \$1,386. (\$2,508)
PTK LLC—WILD LOUIS: Nov. 16, 4th race, \$6,000.
Stephen E. Quick and WynOaks Farm, LLC—BRENDA'S WAY: Nov. 15, 6th race, \$1,512.
Vivian E. Rall—CALLIOPE: Nov. 21, 8th race, \$7,182.
RDM Racing—PAC YER TACK: Oct. 31, 3rd race, \$990.
Rickman Racing LLC—ECHO BYE: Nov. 7, 2nd race, \$2,565.
Brice Ridgely—HOT FUN: Oct. 31, 6th race, \$1,485. LOVE'S NOT FAIR: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$7,182. (\$8,667)
RTL Castleton Farm—HANDSOME HARLEY: Nov. 15, 9th race, \$3,420.
Sagamore Farm—CHARGED COTTON: Nov. 13, 8th race, \$7,695. DEPLOYING RESOURCES: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$882. GIVE NO QUARTER: Nov. 20, 4th race, \$1,386. (\$9,963)
Stephen T. Sinatra and Williams Niarakis Jr.—SCIPION'S GIRL: Nov. 20, 3rd race, \$945.
Summer Wind Bloodstock and Wilbur D. and Joan Everett—SMILE-FORTHETHECAMERA: Oct. 30, 1st race, \$1,197.

Summer Wind Bloodstock and Larry Horning—LOEWENHERZ: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$3,762.
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—LOVES LAST CHANCE: Nov. 14, 7th race, \$1,320. WHO'S IN TOWN: Nov. 16, 6th race, \$3,000. (\$4,320)
Thormar Farm LLC—GET BUSY: Nov. 2, 6th race, \$1,320. GLIMPSE: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$528. VIDEO STORM: Oct. 31, 2nd race, \$2,565; Nov. 21, 4th race, \$1,071. WON THE WAR: Nov. 1, 8th race, \$1,485. (\$6,969)
Mary Voss—SWOOP: Nov. 21, 7th race, \$5,130.
Charles Walters Jr. and Elizabeth J. Valando—BOOGIE BIZ: Oct. 31, 3rd race, \$1,890; Nov. 16, 5th race, \$990. (\$2,880)
Susan H. Wantz—EASTER FASHION: Nov. 6, 5th race, \$990.
Robert M. Watkins Jr. LLC—JAZZY'S QUATTRO: Oct. 30, 7th race, \$1,320.
Wirth Brothers—QUOTE: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$1,701.

Owner bonuses

Howard M. Bender—ADDISON RUN: Nov. 22, 3rd race, \$3,990. ARUBAN TRUTH: Nov. 22, 6th race, \$3,990. FEET INCLUDED: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$1,596. (\$9,576)
Richard Blue Jr.—SCRAPPLE: Nov. 6, 9th race, \$2,693.25.
Henry S. Clark III—MISS GLENGAR: Nov. 22, 9th race, \$1,596.
Country Life Farm—MOON VISION: Oct. 31, 4th race, \$3,291.75.
Country Roads Ltd.—OLYMPIC MEDALLIST: Nov. 20, 7th race, \$3,990. VERY FEW DETAILS: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$2,693.25. (\$6,683.25)
John Davidson and Hitesh Patel—FLEET GOLD DIGGER: Nov. 20, 4th race, \$4,189.50.
Rebecca B. Davis—GRATEFUL NATION: Nov. 16, 9th race, \$4,488.75.
David DiPietro—GREEN WAVE GIRL: Nov. 2, 7th race, \$4,189.50.
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and Triple Tree Stable—CHARM CITY: Nov. 20, 5th race, \$2,992.50.
Germania Farms Inc.—LOEWENHERZ: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$2,194.50.
Hickory Plains—NO MEANS NO: Nov. 2, 9th race, \$2,992.50.
Hillwood Stable LLC—LOVE'S NOT FAIR: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$4,189.50.
The Jim Stable—KISSED BY THE MIST: Oct. 31, 9th race, \$2,693.25; Nov. 6, 5th race, \$2,992.50. TANKA: Nov. 15, 3rd race, \$2,693.25. (\$8,379)
Nancy Lee Farms—POETRY IN NOTION: Nov. 20, 9th race, \$1,596.
Narrow Leaf Farm—TRIPLE NET: Nov. 20, 1st race, \$3,990.
No Guts No Glory Stable—RESPECTFUL WISHES: Nov. 23, 6th race, \$4,189.50.
Non Stop Stable and ZWP Stable—STEADY N LOVE: Nov. 7, 6th race, \$3,990.
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RTL Castleton Farm—HANDSOME HARLEY: Nov. 15, 9th race, \$1,995.
Sagamore Farm—CHARGED COTTON: Nov. 13, 8th race, \$4,488.75.
Somraj Singh—STAR MANUEVER: Nov. 16, 3rd race, \$2,992.50.
Mrs. Thomas H. Voss—SWOOP: Nov. 21, 7th race, \$2,992.50.

Stallion bonuses

AFLEET PRINCE (Evil Lad: Nov. 7, 4th race, \$154; Nov. 21, 3rd race, \$294): Ayres Fountain Spring Farm—\$448.
BOWMAN'S BAND (Bowman's Boy: Nov. 22, 8th race, \$462): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz.
CHEROKEE'S BOY (Lunar Rock: Nov. 21, 4th race, \$969. Petie's Boy: Nov. 15, 4th race, \$242): ZWP Stable—\$1,211.
DANCE WITH RAVENS (Quote: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$567. Tanka: Nov. 15, 3rd race, \$1,539): Dance With Ravens Syndicate—\$2,106.

DEPUTY STORM (Video Storm: Oct. 31, 2nd race, \$855; Nov. 21, 4th race, \$357): Deputy Storm Syndicate—\$1,212.

DISCO RICO (Malibu Fever: Nov. 7, 9th race, \$176): Alfred and Joseph DiRico.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Breaking Up: Nov. 20, 2nd race, \$187. Nobody But You: Nov. 8, 5th race, \$242): Domestic Dispute Syndicate—\$429.

FANTASTICAT (Bet the Cat: Oct. 30, 9th race, \$165. Echo Bye: Nov. 7, 2nd race, \$855. Hiram: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$483. Printastat: Nov. 14, 2nd race, \$855): Fantasticat Syndicate—\$2,358.

GATORS N BEARS (Thisdancetaken: Oct. 30, 8th race, \$495; Nov. 14, 5th race, \$1,767): Gators N Bears Syndicate—\$2,262.

GREAT NOTION (Always Smiling: Nov. 15, 7th race, \$374. Grateful Nation: Nov. 16, 9th race,

\$2,565; Nov. 23, 8th race, \$987. It's a Bang: Nov. 16, 8th race, \$1,000. Poetry in Motion: Nov. 20, 9th race, \$912. Talk Show Man: Nov. 7, 8th race, \$462. Very Few Details: Nov. 14, 3rd race, \$1,539): Great Notion Syndicate—\$7,839.

GREEK SUN (Greek Default: Nov. 9, 2nd race, \$969. Sarbanes: Nov. 1, 5th race, \$374): Marathon Farm—\$1,343.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Jazzy's Quattro: Oct. 30, 7th race, \$440. No Means No: Nov. 2, 9th race, \$1,710; Nov. 9, 5th race, \$882. Swoop: Nov. 21, 7th race, \$1,710. Wild Louis: Nov. 16, 4th race, \$2,000): Louis Quatorze Syndicate—\$6,742.

NOT FOR LOVE (Bret's At Caddies: Nov. 6, 3rd race, \$420. Eighttofasttlocatch: Nov. 16, 4th race, \$6,000. Fleet Gold Digger: Nov. 20, 4th

race, \$2,394. Kissed by the Mist: Oct. 31, 9th race, \$1,539; Nov. 6, 5th race, \$1,710. Loves Last Chance: Nov. 14, 7th race, \$440. Mystic Love: Nov. 9, 6th race, \$1,000. Star Crossed Lover: Nov. 9, 3rd race, \$840. Steady N Love: Nov. 7, 6th race, \$2,280; Nov. 23, 6th race, \$462): Not For Love Syndicate—\$17,085.

ORATORY (Monster Sleeping: Nov. 9, 6th race, \$2,000): Country Life Farm and Darley.

OUTFLANKER (Buck n' Ham Lane: Nov. 6, 4th race, \$693. Calliope: Nov. 21, 8th race, \$2,394. Star Maneuver: Nov. 16, 3rd race, \$1,710): Outflanker Syndicate—\$4,797.

ROCK SLIDE (Cross Mountain: Nov. 13, 7th race, \$651. In the Juice: Nov. 8, 4th race, \$855. Rock Slide Classic: Nov. 1, 6th race, \$315. Without

Virtue: Nov. 21, 7th race, \$330): Shamrock Farms—\$2,151.

RUSH BAY (Rush Attack: Nov. 6, 1st race, \$336): Rush Bay Partnership.

SCIPION (Four Scips: Nov. 1, 1st race, \$420. Handsome Harley: Nov. 15, 9th race, \$1,140. Keep Momma Happy: Nov. 23, 7th race, \$462. Meredith's Joy: Oct. 31, 2nd race, \$165. Scipion's Girl: Nov. 20, 3rd race, \$315. Scrapple: Nov. 6, 9th race, \$1,539. Who Stole My Sock: Nov. 15, 9th race, \$220. Won the War: Nov. 1, 8th race, \$495): Scipion Syndicate—\$4,756.

TWO PUNCH (How Bout Junior: Nov. 8, 2nd race, \$253): Two Punch Syndicate.

YARROW BRAE (Count to Seven: Nov. 21, 1st race, \$1,311): Yarrow Brae Syndicate.



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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services (TJCIS),
these statistics were compiled on Dec. 3. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2013. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2013

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
E Dubai	189	1,330	105	185	\$4,577,738
Orientate	182	1,304	93	156	3,562,886
Not For Love.	128	795	58	99	2,724,895
Dance With Ravens . .	113	715	54	76	2,304,979
Giacomo	109	677	57	93	1,947,734
Outflanker.	67	472	35	60	1,696,557
Great Notion.	56	292	28	46	1,550,773
Lion Hearted.	100	652	44	76	1,420,651
Louis Quatorze.	69	507	37	71	1,331,402
Two Punch	71	381	31	47	1,247,208
Rock Slide	58	404	28	44	1,128,511
Scipion	45	323	24	48	1,038,218
Gators N Bears	51	336	22	39	991,593
Showing Up	42	212	19	27	737,548
Cherokee's Boy.	29	213	11	14	532,059

2-year-old earnings in 2013

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion.	9	25	3	6	\$302,548
Not For Love.	16	46	6	8	300,400
Giacomo	13	46	6	11	294,703
Showing Up	14	49	4	5	205,009
Orientate	14	37	6	7	194,517
E Dubai	12	27	1	1	101,584
Outflanker.	6	18	1	2	94,240
Dance With Ravens . .	11	31	2	2	82,558
Lion Hearted.	10	22	1	1	59,898
Scipion	6	13	2	2	47,500

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	713	15,435	576	2,355	\$64,687,090
Allen's Prospect	931	23,368	773	3,389	54,790,990
Two Punch	916	17,404	705	2,613	52,906,858
Orientate	516	8,841	394	1,351	34,181,866
Polish Numbers	443	9,370	366	1,377	33,309,910
E Dubai	453	7,842	343	1,251	32,814,785
Louis Quatorze.	594	11,578	436	1,537	31,036,463
Carnivalay.	496	13,342	406	1,822	30,463,916
Waquoit	486	11,507	369	1,531	26,888,628
Outflanker.	385	8,185	294	1,197	24,860,838
Lion Hearted.	414	7,321	313	1,036	22,897,204
Eastern Echo.	424	8,792	294	1,141	22,738,290
Go for Gin	316	5,872	212	716	18,310,651
Dance With Ravens . .	218	3,397	143	408	10,522,103
Rock Slide	170	2,538	113	281	7,339,955

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	326	1,027	125	169	\$6,125,644
Allen's Prospect	461	1,560	175	240	5,624,197
Two Punch	447	1,453	168	212	5,607,285
Orientate	308	954	119	154	4,313,324
E Dubai	243	844	106	143	3,781,588
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze.	283	881	88	116	3,227,950
Outflanker.	211	865	92	131	3,127,545
Eastern Echo.	227	835	75	104	3,069,217
Lion Hearted.	191	618	72	100	2,679,252
Carnivalay.	252	1,018	90	125	2,483,306
Waquoit	206	705	60	85	2,003,139
Giacomo	100	353	32	48	1,347,173
Dance With Ravens . .	120	431	33	40	1,225,685
Go for Gin	162	524	33	40	981,814

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2014 Racing Dates

The New Jersey Racing Commission has approved the following racing dates for the 2014 Thoroughbred racing season:

Atlantic City: April 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30 (6 days)

Monmouth Park: May 10 through September 28 (57 days)

- Weekends and Holidays in May
- Fridays through Sundays in June
- Fridays through Sundays in July
- Fridays through Sundays in August
- Saturdays and Sundays in September (plus Monday, September 1)

Meadowlands Thoroughbred Fall Meet: September 18 through October 18 (14 days)

- Last two Thursdays and Fridays in September (September 18, 19, 25, 26)
- Thursday through Saturday in October (plus Monday, October 13)

Total Thoroughbred Dates: 77 Dates

Exit Stage Left enters the scene with a stakes victory

New Jersey-bred Exit Stage Left showed he is a horse to watch in the future as he overcame trouble to win the \$53,350 Golden Nugget Stakes for juveniles in his career debut Nov. 9 at Golden Gate Fields.

Exit Stage Left, trained by Hall of Famer Jerry Hollendorfer, owned by the trainer and Mark DeDomenico LLC, and ridden by Hall of Famer Russell Baze, was up with the leaders when he suddenly propped and dropped back midway around the turn. The chestnut colt quickly got back in stride and rallied down the stretch to win the 6-furlong feature by a neck over Unusual Americaine and Miss Success in a blanket finish.

"It started to tighten up (in the middle of the turn) and I took just a little hold and he propped," said Baze. "He was good enough to overcome it."

"When he saw the other horses coming (in the stretch), he dug in and he dug in tough," said Baze. "I liked that. This is a quality individual and we're going to see good things from him."

"I was looking at this horse as a very good prospect and I wouldn't have run him in this race if I didn't think he was going to do well," said Hollendorfer. "I think he showed that he has some talent."

Bred by Bright View Farm Inc., Exit Stage Left is by Noonmark out of the Peaks and Valleys mare Hana J.



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D'Arrigo Racing Stables receives 2014 "Gold Medal Horse Farm" award for equine environmental sustainability

The New Jersey Equine Environmental Stewardship Program announced D'Arrigo Racing Stables as the recipient of the 2014 "Gold Medal Horse Farm" award. The award was presented Nov. 19 during "An Evening of Celebration and Science," the Equine Science Center's annual year-end event.

The award and overall program gives recognition to outstanding equine farms for their dedication to environmental sustainability and management. It also underscores the efforts of the New Jersey equine industry to maintain the beauty of the Garden State. The program is a collaborative initiative by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University, the Rutgers Equine Science Center, and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

D'Arrigo Racing Stables, established in 1990, is a Thoroughbred training and racing farm in Cumberland County. It is an outstanding example of an environmentally-friendly equine farm. Under the ownership and management of Dr. Philip D'Arrigo, and Carolyn and K.C. Nemutlu, D'Arrigo Racing Stables has demonstrated superb environmental best management practices such as minimizing storm water run-off, establishing controls to reduce soil erosion, maintaining a low stocking density, and meticulous pasture care.

"We decided to apply to the NJ Equine Environmental Stewardship Program because we greatly value our animals and the environment, and we strive to do the best thing for both," said K.C. Nemutlu. "It's an honor, and incredibly reassuring, to have the experts at Rutgers and the NJDA validate our efforts by selecting

D'Arrigo Racing Stables as the recipient of the Gold Medal Horse Farm award."

The Equine Environmental Stewardship Program and the Gold Medal Horse Farm award are based on several criteria. First, the horse farm must have an Animal Waste Management Plan and/or Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan. Beyond the two plans, awards are determined by water quality, soil erosion, stream and water management, sanitation, and pasture, feed, and manure management. Lastly, overall aesthetics of the farm are taken into consideration.

"Developing best management practices is crucial to equine environmental sustainability," said Michael Westendorf, associate extension specialist in animal sciences for Rutgers Cooperative Extension, NJAES. "D'Arrigo Racing Stables maintain proper nutrient and manure management plans. They have created the perfect balance between exceptional environmental stewardship and cultivating a picturesque, beautiful farm."

D'Arrigo Racing Stables joins last year's recipient, Showplace Farms, as the state's only Gold Medal Horse Farm award recipients.

"As a training and breeding farm, this award further demonstrates that horse racing preserves open space in New Jersey and that our facilities are excellent stewards of the land," added Nemutlu.

Information about the Equine Environmental Stewardship Program and the Gold Medal Horse Farm award is available on the Equine Science Center's website. To request additional information about the program and/or award, contact Laura Gladney at gladney@aesop.rutgers.edu or (848) 932-3229.

New Jersey Thoroughbred Magazine

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) has published the 10th edition of *New Jersey Thoroughbred*, focusing on racing and breeding news and issues in the Garden State.

This edition of the magazine features in-depth articles by the publication's editor and award-winning writer, Bill Finley. *New Jersey Thoroughbred* also includes the official New Jersey stallion registry and complete details on the state's comprehensive Breeder Awards Program.

"I am very excited about *New Jersey Thoroughbred* and what it means to our industry", said Mike Campbell, TBANJ's executive director. "It will provide comprehensive information to our members and serve as a valuable research tool. Perhaps equally important, the book will help familiarize a far broader audience with the unique opportunities here in the Garden State for breeders and owners alike."

To request a copy of *New Jersey Thoroughbred* please contact the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey at (732) 542-8880 or via e-mail at info@njbreds.com.

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Broodmare prospect Senator Beck sells for \$100,000 at Keeneland

New Jersey-bred champion Senator Beck, entered as hip number 1287, sold as a broodmare prospect for \$100,000 to Arrowfield Stud at the 2013 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale. Bred, raised and raced by Tee-N-Jay Farm, Senator Beck was named champion 3-year-old filly and champion turf runner of 2012 after three wins, including the \$60,000 Desert Vixen Stakes. She was trained by Tim Hills.

Senator Beck is by Artie Schiller out Go for a Dip, by Benny the Dip. Her second dam, Bethany, produced millionaire Tizway, winner of the Grade 1 Metropolitan Mile and Whitney Handicaps in 2011 and the Grade 2 Kelso Handicap in 2010. Bethany also produced the stakes winner Ticket to Seattle who earned \$263,574. Senator Beck's third dam, Willamae, produced Grade 1 winners Will's Way and Willa On the Move and Grade 1 sire Citidancer.



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Nancy Jaffer honored with Equine Science Center's "Spirit of the Horse" award

The Equine Science Center at Rutgers University is proud to name noted equestrian photojournalist, Nancy Jaffer, as the 2014 recipient of the "Spirit of the Horse" award. Ms. Jaffer received the award during the Center's annual year-end event, "An Evening of Celebration and Science," on Nov. 19.

The "Spirit of the Horse" award recognizes individuals whose lives have been profoundly changed because of their involvement with horses and who have acknowledged the impact by giving back to the horse industry.

Karyn Malinowski, director of the Equine Science Center, stated, "Nancy Jaffer's tremendous admiration and love for horses is no secret; one can just refer to any of the innumerable articles that she has written about equestrian sport and the equine industry throughout her illustrious career. Nancy provides a voice for the industry and we were thrilled to honor her with the Spirit of the Horse Award."

Jaffer is an award-winning freelance photojournalist specializing in equestrian sports and issues. She has covered nine Olympics and all of the World Equestrian Games that have been held since their inception in 1990.

The longtime equestrian columnist for *The Star-Ledger*, the largest newspaper in New Jersey, Jaffer has a particular interest in the state's horse industry. She is a member, and former officer, of

the International Alliance of Equestrian Journalists. In addition, her stories and photographs have been featured in a variety of publications around the world, and she has written several books, including *Riding Through* with Olympic dressage medalist Debbie McDonald.

"Horses are the focus of my life, so I feel fortunate to reside in New Jersey, where there are so many equine activities and facilities such as the Rutgers Equine Science Center that benefit the animals," said Jaffer. "Let's also recognize all our great veterinarians, noted trainers, wonderful trails and numerous competitions. How many other states have so many such assets within a short drive of wherever horses are living? My mission is to keep people informed about all aspects of the state's equestrian scene, as well as writing about the bigger horse sport-related picture around the country and the world. It is an honor to be recognized for my work by the Center, whose progress I have followed since it was founded."

A lifelong rider and horse owner who has competed in a variety of disciplines, Jaffer now enjoys trail riding when her schedule permits.

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SAVE THE DATE! Remember to mark your calendars for Feb. 22, the day of our 2013 Awards Dinner and farm visit at Bennett Bunn Plantation in Zebulon. Visit the farm with your family and enjoy a barbeque dinner, open bar, silent auction, the entertainment of comic Mark Kline, and our year end awards!

Prior to the awards dinner will be the farm visit starting at 3 p.m. Weather permitting, guests will enjoy a hay ride, petting of the miniature horses and a guided tour of the beautiful grounds.

Beginning at 5 p.m. will be the open bar and chance to look over silent auction items. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by our comic Mark Kline (rated G so all kids can enjoy), then the awards and the close of the silent auction. Auction proceeds will help bolster the funds in the NCTA so we can continue to provide scholarships to NCSU Vet School for students specializing in large

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Commentary on one of our members:

This past October 15 my husband and I were at Keeneland because we had two horses running. We were standing at the barn where our horses were stabled and my husband went back to the car to retrieve something when he ran into a gentleman who asked if he was from North Carolina because of the plates on our car. Sandy's response was yes and he and Sandy got into a conversation, which led the gentleman to me. That gentleman is now one of our newest members. He had contacted me and attended the awards dinner in January 2013, then shortly thereafter after became a member of the NCTA.

This man is truly a gentleman, he has attended every event we have had since joining us. He was at Nancy Shuford's wonderful farm visit in June, and he came with gifts for the hostess and her family to enjoy.

This time he was attending the races at Keeneland, and had just finished attending TOBA's new members and breeders program held during the meet every year. He was so enthusiastic about the Thoroughbred horses and farms and all the people he met. He was so happy to find fellow North Carolinians with horses at Keeneland, and he was so thrilled we were there to race. He was like a one-man fan club, and could not wait to tell everyone about us and our horses and

that we were from North Carolina. We invited him to come and see the horse that was working the next morning and join us; he got up early on a cold morning to meet us at the track. That afternoon he joined us for lunch and we invited him to come to the winner's circle if we got lucky. The winner's circle did not take place; I wanted it more for my friend than for us, but maybe next time.

This man does not own a horse, is not in a partnership, but loves the Thoroughbred horse for its beauty and talent. He was so proud to be from North Carolina and to see us with horses running. He made me proud of our association and of the people we have in it. He made me and my husband remember why we got in this business, and how exciting it was to see our first horse race.

This is a thank you to a man who made me feel for the first time in a very long time the way we should all feel about this business. For all its ups and downs, we were all drawn to it for its beauty, its thrills and most of all by these wonderful horses that give their all. If only more of our members could find this much excitement in this business and support the NCTA with as much enthusiasm as this man we would have one of the best Thoroughbred associations anywhere.

Thank you Chris Stiller.

Racing Update

Johnny Eason, one of our newest members, has a steeplechase horse named General Partner (Pulpit—Maze, by Broad Brush) who won the "The Cathedral Aisle," a maiden claimer at Aiken on Oct. 26 going 2¼ miles. He was third at Charleston in the "Lowcountry Cup" on

Nov. 10, also at 2¼ miles. Congratulations to Johnny, and his good jumper who will be given a rest until next year.

■ Artie's Jasper, owned by Never Better Stables (Denise Walsh), was third at Charleston in a 2¼-mile maiden special weight hurdle. Artie's Jasper is a son of

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Racing update *continued*

Artie Schiller, with whom Denise and her husband Thomas won the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 in 2005.

■ Zeb was wrapping up his 6-year-old season being as consistent as ever, finishing third at Woodbine on Oct. 18 going 6½ furlongs in allowance company, and running second at 7 furlongs at Woodbine a month later for a \$47,500 tag. He is owned in a partnership that includes Steve Laymon and John Eaton, and is trained by Daniel Vella.

■ Summer of Fun had a very big year in 2013, finishing up with a third at Keeneland in the 23rd running of the Valley View Stakes-G3 on Oct. 18, after having some trouble getting clear. She is owned by a racing partnership, Bona Venture Stables, that includes Brad Graham.

■ George and Stephanie Autry also had a banner year of racing. Their gelding Matisse finished second in an allowance race at Finger Lakes on Oct. 26. He is trained by Michael Dilger. This is just one of several horses the Autrys race, and they usually find themselves in the money.

■ Nancy Shuford is one of our best breeders and has had a lot of luck at the

track. Every month she has horses reported in *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* because they always find ways to finish in the money.

Nancy's North Carolina-bred Abel A. hit the board once again as a 2-year-old when second at Penn National on Oct. 23 in a maiden claimer, and again second Nov. 8. The colt is by home stallion Chelsey Cat.

Another Shuford-bred, Pride of Silver, was second at Remington Park Oct. 26 in allowance company for owner Danny Keene.

Doubled (2010, Exchange Rate—Mayan Milagra, by Menifee) got her first win since taking the 2012 Sorority Stakes by scoring in a 6-furlong allowance at Penn National Nov. 8. Doubled is bred and owned by Nancy and trained by Cathal Lynch.

■ Bill Thompson has two horses who ran third in late October: Trawee at Keeneland Oct. 25 in a maiden special weight, and juvenile Trafford at Woodbine Oct. 26 in a \$50,000 maiden claimer. Trawee is owned in partnership, while Trafford was bred and owned by Bill.

■ Wild About Money, unraced until this past summer of her 4-year-old season, became a winner Nov. 6 at Charles Town,

taking a 4½-furlong maiden special weight by 4¼ lengths. The daughter of Dixie's Wild Again—Talkin Money, by Wayne County (Ire), was bred in North Carolina by Tom Hendrickson (Hendrickson Farms LLC) and is owned by Merrill McCormick and Cathy Lancaster.

■ Pigeon Chris (Reparations—Pick the Frost, by Piccolino) was a winner again for Bobby Raines at Charles Town, taking a 6½-furlong allowance Nov. 6 by 2¼ lengths. Bobby had good luck with this horse in 2013, sending the 4-year-old out to win four races from 13 starts and finish second in three others.

■ Dixie Jackpot (Bandini—Dixie Lass, by Misbah), is a winner each year from 2 to 4, adding a victory at Churchill Downs on Nov. 7 to her record. Stakes-placed at 3 and an earner of \$128,556, this is another horse bred and owned by Jim Chandley. Trainer Todd Freeman is doing well with Jim's horses since he left North Carolina and went back to training. Congratulations to both our members.

■ Special Congrats ran third in back-to-back allowance races at Parx in November, increasing his record at 4 to 10-2-3-3 through Nov. 25. Bred by Beth Muirhead, he is owned by A and B Stables and trained by Frank L. Pollara.

President's message *continued*

animals. We will also continue to help to support the many retired Thoroughbred programs in North Carolina, and to promote the Thoroughbred horse throughout the state. This is our only fund-raiser, so all help will be appreciated.

Bennett Bunn Plantation is on the historical register, so be sure to come and take in the history of this great state and enjoy the company of other horsemen. This is a family event, and I look forward to every one of our members attending.

We lost one of our oldest members, Thomas J. Walsh, after a very brave battle with cancer on Oct. 23 at the young age of 52. He was married to Denise Walsh and was raised in the Walsh racing family.

He started his journey with horses at a young age, riding and working in his grandfather's barn. As a young adult he worked with trotters, but ended up a trainer for steeplechase and flat horses where he was very successful. His biggest joy came in 2005 when he and his wife won the Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 with Artie Schiller. The horse was named after a close family friend who was also battling cancer at that time.

Naming horses after people epitomizes how Thomas cherished everyone around him and wanted them to share in his joys and successes.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Denise E. Walsh, one brother and three sisters. In memory of Thomas please send donations to FirstHealth Hospice and Pallia-

tive Care, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, N.C. 28374.

Please welcome our new members Rebecca Montaldo and Jimmy Teal. Their farm name is Make A Splash Farm, in Fayetteville. They are interested in racing, hunter/jumper and pleasure. We look forward to meeting them at our awards dinner.

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—PHBA'S FOCUS ON—

PRINCESS OF SYLMAR STILL QUEEN OF PENNSYLVANIA

By Barbara Luna

Ed Stanco, majority partner of Pennsylvania breeder and owner King of Prussia Stable, is CEO of Toa Re America, a Morristown, N.J.-based reinsurance company which is the overseas subsidiary of Japan's Toa Tokyo. But when it comes to caring for the filly Princess of Sylmar, Stanco is happy to defer to her trainer.

Stanco, who has been with Todd Pletcher for 12 years, says "Todd is the CEO, and I am on the board of directors. He is the real genius, and he plans everything out for the filly." Plans which this past season included a trip to the West Coast for the 30th running of the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita. King of Prussia Stable is a small group of seven partners formed in 2006 which owns and breeds just two mares, racing their offspring.

"We like to race just one or two horses at a time," said Stanco. "We are just a couple of prudent guys who work with a manageable budget."

Stanco's first Breeders' Cup runner was Capeside Lady, who ran for the partnership So Madcapt Stable and was sixth in the 2005 Distaff. At the time, Stanco thought he'd never have another Breeders' Cup experience. In 2006, bloodstock agent Joe Brocklebank encouraged the purchase of Storm Dixie from the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale in Timonium. The daughter of Catienus retired stakes-placed with one win. In 2009, her planned breeding to Grand Slam at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Ky., was cancelled after the stallion was injured covering a mare. Instead, Storm Dixie was bred to first-year stallion Majestic Warrior, a son of A.P. Indy.

The following spring, Princess of Sylmar was foaled at Ronnie and Betsy Houghton's Sylmar Farm in Christiana. Living nearby in Malvern, Stanco made one of his regular trips to the farm the day the chestnut filly was foaled.

"Racing has its own adrenaline rush, but I really enjoy going out to the farm. It is great to have 20 yearlings surrounding you in a big field," he said. "The hardest part is trying to name the babies, but to me, one of the best parts of the filly's story is her name—she was named for the Houghtons' Sylmar Farm, where she was born, raised and broken to ride."

Princess of Sylmar lost her debut at Penn National, but was sensational breaking her maiden by 19 lengths in her second start at the Grantville track in November 2012. She then reeled off three more wins, including two stakes at Aqueduct, before finishing second in the Grade 2 Gazelle Stakes. Her next victory was in the Kentucky Oaks-G1 over the Eclipse Award winner Beholder. That began a historic skein of wins in the 3-year-old filly division which included the Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks and Alabama Stakes at Saratoga.

Stanco admits that he had suggested the Alabama Stakes in August for his Pennsylvania-bred filly. As a native of upstate New York, it was a race he always dreamed of winning. "My uncle used to take me to the races in Saratoga when I was a kid," he said. "I fell in love with the horses."

The Alabama was Princess of Sylmar's third consecutive Grade 1 victory, and rumblings about an Eclipse Award as top 3-year-old filly became louder.

"Ed threw a huge party at Saratoga, and we were all invited," said Betsy Houghton, there along with about 120 people, including the filly's farm blacksmith, Chris Marsh, and his family, and Kim Eshelman, who has been breaking youngsters at Sylmar for 36 years and was the first person to put tack on Princess of Sylmar. "Ed stood up at the party and introduced Kim, saying she was the filly's first grade teacher. He gave credit to everyone who had a part in this."

"She came out of the Alabama so well," said Stanco. "Her exercise rider, Jake Nelson, said she was back training like she had never even raced. We still were adamant, however, that we'd not go the Breeders' Cup. But then came the Beldame against older fillies and mares."

Her 2-length victory at Belmont in the Grade 1 Beldame over champion Royal Delta nearly guaranteed the 3-year-old filly championship. Rarely has a filly accomplished what she had in winning four consecutive Grade 1 races.

Prior to the Sept. 28 Beldame, the Breeders' Cup was not in the plans. But "champions don't stay home," said Stanco. "Todd is an incredibly focused guy who wants to do everything the right way. I usually communicate via text messaging with him, he is so busy that I never want to bother him, but this time, I wanted to have a meeting in his office. I shut the door and said 'This is a really big deal to me, is it to you, too?' I wanted him to be as excited as I was about the prospect of running in California."

The decision was made to supplement for \$100,000.

"The way we approached it," said Pletcher, who has saddled 103 Breed-

ers' Cup starters, "is if she continued to train well after the Beldame, we felt she deserved the opportunity. Collectively, to have won four Grade 1 races as she did is extremely rare. I cannot think of anyone else that has done that. I always have some reservations about shipping any horse to California, but she had been training so well."

"It was pretty simple. It was not about her worth, but about something much bigger," said Stanco. "The fans wanted to see her, and there was no way we were going to sit home if she was healthy. We were quite an entourage at Santa Anita," he said. "With the partners very passionate about this filly, we had 50 people—friends from all over: Colorado, Texas, California, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Win or lose, our filly has quite a following."

Unfortunately, Princess of Sylmar did not handle the speed-favoring Santa Anita surface. Added to that was an outside post and a stumble coming out of the gate, and the filly was defeated, finishing last of six. Stanco said Javier Castellano asked her to move on the backstretch, and got no response.

"Afterwards, I told Todd that I have absolutely no regrets," he said. "Running her was the right thing to do. If people are only in the business for the action, and only for the 'highs' of the sport, they need to rethink wanting to get involved in racehorse ownership. You have to love the Thoroughbreds for what they are, and if you don't have the passion for the animal, you shouldn't be in it."

The Houghtons watched from their farm, and were, as would be expected, disappointed.

"We saw how the races were running out there, and she had a couple of things against her," said Betsy. "The slow start from her stumbling, and the speed bias were very unfortunate, but we knew she had come into the race in great shape. She'll be back next year."

After the race, Princess of Sylmar shipped to Rood and Riddle in Kentucky for a complete physical. Coming out of the race in perfect condition, she was shipped to WinStar Farm for her previously planned vacation. She will return to the track and Pletcher's care in January.

"I have trained some of the top fillies in the country," said Pletcher. "She stacks up to the very top of that list. Her record places her right among them, and I am looking forward to her 4-year-old campaign."

Pletcher said that East Coast races like the Grade 1 Personal Ensign Stakes and Delaware Handicap could be on her 2014 agenda.

Princess of Sylmar has a just-turned 2-year-old half-sister by E Dubai. She is currently hacking under saddle at Sylmar under the watchful eyes of Eshelman and the Houghtons.

Storm Dixie produced a filly by Pet-ionville in May 2013, and was not re-bred due to the late foaling.

Queen to Be, a filly by Flatter out of Raise the Kitty unraced last year at 2 (through mid-December), is the second of the King of Prussia Stable runners, and will likely will follow the same path as Princess of Sylmar.

"She went to Todd's barn at Saratoga last August," said Houghton. "And as a 3-year-old, she'll make her first start at Penn National, just as Princess did."

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Sat., Apr. 13, Parx	\$75,000 Lyman H , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st - Tujoes; 2nd - Arlo; 3rd - Layers
	\$75,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st - Villette; 2nd - Lisa Stannard; 3rd - Ann's Smart Dancer
Sun., July 14, PID	\$75,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st - Roadhog; 2nd - Kelly Rock; 3rd - Great Investment
	\$75,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st - Lenape Rim; 2nd - Lotta Lovin; 3rd - Sixth and Arch
Sat., July 27, Parx	\$75,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st - Big Feat; 2nd (DH) - A Fleet Attitude/Fessed Up
	\$75,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st - Madrilena; 2nd - Chulula; 3rd - Estrada's Girl
Sun., Aug. 11, PID	\$75,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO Fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st - Cat's Holiday; 2nd - Platinum Steel; 3rd - Emerald Bracelet

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\$75,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st - Fersmiley; 2nd - Officer Alex; 3rd - Generally George
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\$75,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur. (turf) 1st - This Ain't No Bull; 2nd - Love Those Boots; 3rd - Merry's Honor
\$75,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Classy Coco; 2nd - Power of Snunner; 3rd - Tetherball
\$75,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. (turf) 1st - Ski Holiday; 2nd - Sixth and Arch; 3rd - Defeat R Fleet

Sun., Sept. 8, PID	\$75,000 Mark McDermott S , 2YO, 6 fur. 1st - Chippewawwhitechief; 2nd - Shiny Finish; 3rd - Cosmic Emergency
Sat., Sept. 21, Parx	\$75,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st - Roadhog; 2nd - Shetan; 3rd - S S Skittles
Wed., Nov. 27, Penn	\$75,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO Fillies, 6 fur. 1st - Gracer; 2nd - Raging Smoke; 3rd - Chasing the Moon
Sat., Dec. 28, Parx	\$75,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.

All stakes included a 25% PA-Sired Bonus for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Total: \$1,200,000

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—PENNSYLVANIA-BRED FUND STATISTICS—TOP EARNERS—

(January 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, rounded to dollars)

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Owner	Total
William J. Solomon VMD	76,387	193,785	0	270,172	Thoroughbred Associates LLP	84,279	0	0	84,279
Michael W. Jester	90,921	116,887	0	207,808	Richard Molineaux	75,482	0	0	75,482
George Strawbridge Jr.	175,254	30,011	0	205,265	Equivine Farm Inc.	73,833	0	0	73,833
The Elkstone Group LLC	172,051	0	21,000	193,051	Gum Tree Stables LLC	72,280	0	0	72,280
Xanthus Farms Inc.	174,155	5,702	0	179,857	Welcome Here Farm LLC	68,139	0	0	68,139
Judith M. Barrett	115,466	33,214	0	148,680	Ellendale Racing LLC	67,338	0	0	67,338
Thomas G. McClay	128,451	0	0	128,451	Yaroslav Kolybabiuk MD	66,604	0	0	66,604
Smart Angle LLP	125,411	0	0	125,411	Tea Party Stable Inc.	51,805	14,225	0	66,030
Charles A. Cuprill	93,759	27,407	0	121,166	James M. Courtney	59,346	0	0	59,346
Glenn E. Brok LLC	111,783	0	0	111,783	Mark J. Reid Sr.	58,716	0	0	58,716
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	66,739	32,513	0	99,252	Fox Tale	39,208	19,218	0	58,427
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	99,062	0	99,062	Jon A. Marshall	57,123	0	0	57,123
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	88,607	0	0	88,607	James Hackman	55,995	0	0	55,995
Charlton Bloodstock Agency Inc.	86,811	0	0	86,811	Sylmar Farm Inc.	55,439	0	0	55,439
Pewter Stable	57,652	22,560	4,500	84,711	Joseph Imbesi	52,138	0	0	52,138

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Real Quiet	Michael W. Jester	248	80,315	Southern Success	Barbara A. Rickline	89	29,690
Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	170	66,784	Jump Start	Jump Start Syndicate Manager LLC	42	28,560
Lite the Fuse	William J. Solomon VMD	188	62,738	Congressional Honor	Pewter Stable	123	21,960
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	106	48,116	More Smoke	William J. Solomon VMD	70	19,826
Changeintheweather	Pin Oak Stud LLC	108	44,210	Siphon (Brz)	William J. Solomon VMD	88	19,574
Activist	Judith M. Barrett	118	33,214	Rubiyat	Fox Tale	69	19,218
Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	95	33,202	Love of Money	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	52	18,520
Power by Far	Barbara J. Geraghty	79	32,888	Delaware Township	Benjamin W. Perkins Sr.	63	18,426
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	89	32,513	Cetewayo	John A. Chandler	67	16,279
Partner's Hero	Peter Giangliullo	108	31,595	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	54	16,186
Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	85	30,011	Service Stripe	William J. Solomon VMD	30	15,866
Ecclesiastic	Walmac Farm LLC	136	29,806	Aisle	Flint W. Stites	56	14,217

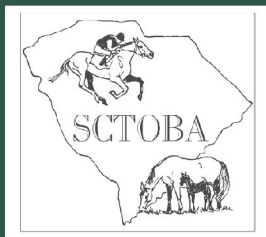
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Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	PA-Bred Restricted Purse	PA-Bred Stakes Purse	Total Breeder Award	Total Stallion Award	Total Owner Award	Total Owner Bonus	Total Fund Amount
Edge of Reality	Lawyer Ron - Our Nancy Lee	The Elkstone Group LLC	5	0	0	68,488	0	21,000	37,840	127,328
Dani's Storm *	Changeintheweather - Stormy Danyelle	Xanthus Farms Inc.	7	0	0	53,651	17,884	0	51,096	122,630
Roadhog	Bowman's Band - Little Wing	Ellendale Racing LLC	2	0	90,000	18,000	0	0	0	108,000
This Ain't No Bull	Holy Bull - Disco Darlin'	Classic Thoroughbred XVIII LLC	5	0	45,000	28,038	0	0	24,512	97,550
Chicharito *	Albert the Great - Twin Tower	James Hackman	11	0	2,250	44,184	14,728	0	34,080	95,242
One Smart Philly	Smarty Jones - Philly Gal	Main Line Racing Stables LLC	17	0	0	39,562	0	0	54,160	93,722
Norman Asbjornson *	Real Quiet - Merryland Missy	Thoroughbred Associates LLP	3	0	45,000	35,925	11,975	0	0	92,900
Chippewawhitechief *	Weigelia - Chippewa	St. Omer's Farm	5	0	45,000	30,078	10,026	0	5,310	90,414
Lenape Rim *	Rimrod - Mai Debeau	Margaret H. Brigham	5	0	49,500	27,675	9,225	3,600	0	90,000
Lisa Stannard *	Lite the Fuse - Bijou Belle	Walnut Green LLC	9	0	15,000	39,525	13,175	0	22,000	89,700
Generally George *	Patton - Margeaux's Wish	Roberta L. Schneider MD	5	0	8,250	36,190	12,063	0	31,520	88,023
Villette	Petionville - Untangled	Jon A. Marshall	3	0	45,000	20,200	0	0	16,000	81,200
Cat's Holiday	Harlan's Holiday - Dynamic Cat	George Strawbridge Jr.	2	21,600	45,000	13,320	0	0	0	79,920
Platinum Steel	Eddington - Crafty Toast	Charles Mark Schnelle	8	35,200	15,000	21,676	0	0	6,480	78,356
Power of Snunner *	Power by Far - Snunner	James M. Courtney	10	0	15,000	38,064	12,688	0	12,280	78,032
Fersmiley	Domestic Dispute - Lullaby's Melody	Primrose Hayes	2	0	45,000	17,904	0	0	12,720	75,624
Tujoes	Oratory - Mrs. Vanderbilt	Barbara Smith Brown	2	0	45,000	17,904	0	0	12,720	75,624
Big Feat	Mutakddim - Party Fever	Ellendale Racing LLC	5	0	45,000	17,352	0	0	11,460	73,812
Starship Girl	Lion Heart - Savage Beauty	Martin S. Schwartz	6	0	0	30,296	0	0	43,280	73,576
Estrada's Girl	Golden Missile - Fountain	Richard Molineaux	13	0	8,250	30,989	0	0	33,856	73,095
Major Highway	Irish Road - Major Gams	Myron R. Wilson	8	0	0	33,704	0	5,760	31,692	71,156
Tiz Morgan *	Albert the Great - Tiz Beverly	Charles Fumano	10	0	0	34,008	11,336	0	24,880	70,224
Madrilena	Stormy Atlantic - Brush Over	Smart Angle LLP	3	0	47,250	11,968	0	0	4,240	63,458
Winchill	Tapit - Exclusive Hold	Gum Tree Stables LLC	5	0	17,250	23,872	0	4,500	16,960	62,582
Anearful	Eavesdropper - Fulmine	Briter Farm	10	0	0	25,488	0	0	36,412	61,900

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South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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News and Notes

Webb Carroll graduate wins Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1

Webb Carroll trainee (also a Webb Carroll pinhook) Goldcents crowned a spectacular year when he captured the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Santa Anita on Nov. 1.

Goldcents won or placed in six graded stakes in 2013, including winning the Santa Anita Derby-G1 and Sham Stakes-G3, for 3-year-old earnings of \$1,272,000. The sensational year could put the colt in position to capture an Eclipse Award.

Res Judicata wins City of Laurel Stakes

Keller Stables trainee Res Judicata, winner of the 2012 Christopher Elser Memorial, continued his winning ways Nov. 9 when he scored in the City of Laurel Stakes at Laurel Park. Res Judicata has five wins from 12 starts and earnings of \$236,780 for owner / breeder Patricia Chapman and trainer John Servis.

Glenview a pipeline to Pennsylvania awards

Glenview Farm has prepared Speechifying (1998 Pennsylvania Horse of the Year); Pink Candy (2011 Pennsylvania 2-Year-Old of the Year) and Winning Image (2012 Pennsylvania Older Mare of the Year). Who will be next?

Palace Malice named 2013 Aiken-trained Horse of the Year

Dogwood Stable's Palace Malice is set to receive the "2013 Aiken Trained Horse of the Year" Award on Sunday, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum. Memorabilia from Palace Malice's 2013 racing season will be on display, and the public is invited to attend the ceremony which follows the 72nd annual Aiken Trials on Saturday, March 15. The Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Hopelands Gardens at 135 Dupree Place.

"The Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame couldn't be happier that Palace Malice is the 2013 recipient of this award. His win in the Belmont Stakes has put our city in the national and international spotlight and created a tremendous amount of excitement about the industry that has given so much to Aiken since the 1940s," said Lisa J. Hall, supervisor of the Racing Hall of Fame and Museum.

"The Aiken staff, from the grooms, hot walkers, exercise riders and trainer Brad Stauffer are to be commended for their work with Palace Malice," she

added. "They gave Palace Malice the good foundation that directly led to his successes."

Palace Malice is a bay son of Curlin out of Palace Rumor, by Royal Anthem. He was bred by W.S. Farish and foaled in Kentucky on May 2, 2010. He was broken and trained at the historic Aiken Training Track by Brad Stauffer.

Palace Malice raced 10 times in 2013 with two wins, three seconds and a third and earnings of \$1,419,135. His outstanding wins in the Belmont Stakes-G1 and last summer's Jim Dandy Stakes-G2 confirmed his status as this year's Aiken Horse of the Year. The colt also finished second in two Grade 1 races, the Jockey Gold Cup against older runners and the Blue Grass Stakes on the polytrack.

Past winners of the "Aiken Trained Horse of the Year" award are: Congaree, 2002; Wando, 2003; Limehouse, 2005; Bob and John, 2006; Country Star, 2007; Midshipman, 2008; Quality Road, 2009; Quality Road, 2010; It's Tricky, 2011; Alpha, 2012.

It pays to train in South Carolina

On Nov. 15, Easy Breeze Training Center graduates captured both ends of the exacta in the fifth race at Laurel Park when Court Band bested

Cruise More by half a length. For Court Band, it was his 15th lifetime win. Court Band paid \$65.80 for the win and keyed the exacta payout of \$347.20.

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South Carolina-trained winners

Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
Joint Return	Keller Stables	11/19/13	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Hurricane Girl	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/17/13	Churchill Downs	Claiming
AWESOME VISION	Kirkwood Stables	11/16/13	Aqueduct	Move It Now S
Uncle Smokey	McCutchen Training Center	11/16/13	Aqueduct	Allowance
Canal Six	Kirkwood Stables	11/15/13	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Handsome Harbor	Kirkwood Stables	11/15/13	Penn National	Allowance
Bruvver Max	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/14/13	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Zadina	Elloree Training Center	11/14/13	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Reign Suzanne	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/13/13	Penn National	Allowance
Try to Catch Her	Holly Hill Training Center	11/13/13	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Present Course	Aiken Training Track	11/12/13	Mountaineer Park	Allowance
Abra	Aiken Training Track	11/10/13	Aqueduct	Starter allowance
Irish Score	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/10/13	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Native Singer	Wes Carter Training Center	11/10/13	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
ACCESS TO CHARLIE	Easy Breeze Training Center	11/9/13	Laurel Park	Geisha S
Cherokee Blessing	Randy Rentz Training Center	11/9/13	Charles Town	Allowance
Coup de Grace	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/9/13	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Custody	Holly Hill Training Center	11/9/13	Remington Park	Allowance
Game Effort	Custom Care Equine	11/9/13	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Horned Frog	Aiken Training Track	11/9/13	Churchill Downs	Starter allowance
RES JUDICATA	Keller Stables	11/9/13	Laurel Park	City of Laurel S
Sound Effect	Kirkwood Stables	11/9/13	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Doubled	Kirkwood Stables	11/8/13	Penn National	Allowance
Poetic Kid	Custom Care Equine	11/7/13	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Really and Truly	Holly Hill Training Center	11/7/13	Remington Park	Allowance
Ida Bambina	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/6/13	Woodbine	Allowance
Rhythm Blues	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/5/13	Parx Racing	Maiden special weight
Seventeenohsix	Keller Stables	11/4/13	Parx Racing	Allowance
All Tied Up	Aiken Training Track	11/3/13	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Leilani's Ticket	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/2/13	Aqueduct	Allowance
Ouimet	Elloree Training Center	11/2/13	Churchill Downs	Allowance
GOLDENCENTS	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/1/13	Santa Anita	Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1
MS ANNA DESTINY	Elloree Training Center	11/1/13	Churchill Downs	Dream Supreme S
Weave	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/1/13	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Rent a Friend	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/31/13	Charles Town	Allowance
Chulula	Elloree Training Center	10/30/13	Laurel Park	Claiming
Lady's Smart Alec	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/28/13	Finger Lakes	Maiden special weight
Mom's Law	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/28/13	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Kiss the Daddy	Custom Care Equine	10/27/13	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
Oxford Street	Aiken Training Track	10/26/13	Suffolk Downs	Allowance
Vanity Feature	Webb Carroll TC/Holly Hill TC	10/26/13	Keeneland	Allowance
Coup	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/25/13	Keeneland	Allowance
Even Song	Holly Hill Training Center	10/25/13	Remington Park	Maiden special weight
Interrupted	Holly Hill Training Center	10/25/13	Laurel Park	Allowance
Long River	Aiken Training Track	10/25/13	Belmont Park	Allowance
WEDDING TOAST	Aiken Training Track	10/25/13	Belmont Park	Belle Cherie S
Hamnet	Custom Care Equine	10/23/13	Belmont Park	Allowance
I'm a Kittyhawk	Webb Carroll Training Center	10/23/13	Woodbine	Allowance
Persnickity	Elloree Training Center	10/23/13	Laurel Park	Allowance
FRED HIGH	Glenview Farm	10/19/13	Charles Town	WV Breeders Classic S
Access to the Moon	Easy Breeze Training Center	10/5/13	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight

Virginia News

January 2014

FROM THE VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

Virginia connected stakes horses have successful November

Three Virginia-connected horses won stakes in New York and Maryland over the course of a week in November. Nellie Mae Cox-bred Service for Ten won the Dave's Friend Stakes at Laurel Nov. 16; Ed and Pat Schuler's So Lonesome captured the Virgo Libra Stakes at Aqueduct, also Nov. 16; and Dianne Manning's Miss Mischief dominated the Pearl City Stakes at Aqueduct Nov. 20.

The now 5-year-old Service for Ten was a happy accident for Cox. Bill Collins purchased his dam Tenacious Cheryl, a \$1,000 RNA at Timonium in 2008, for Cox's husband as a sporthorse broodmare. The Service Stripe colt she was carrying became Service for Ten.

Cox raised Service for Ten, entering him in the Yearling

Futurity in 2010, where he placed fourth in the colt class.

"She was a very pretty mare and I guess the mating with Service Stripe just proved to be the one," Cox said. "He was attractive (as a yearling). He was not perfect, but he was attractive and always a very nice horse to be around and work with and so forth.

"We broke him and had him ready to run in the middle part of his 2-year-old year, hoping to maybe get a race in him at Colonial Downs, but that didn't materialize," Cox said. "Then I sent him to Flint Stites, and he won first time out in a \$10,000 claimer (in September)."

Cox and Stites entered Service for Ten back for \$25,000 and the horse was claimed by his current connections, owner Mark Lapidus

and trainer Damon Dilodovico. Service for Ten has continued to pay dividends for Cox, however, winning the first prize in the \$5,000 Breeders' Fund bonus for horses that compete in the Yearling Futurity. The prize is awarded to the highest earners of each crop, with earnings counted through the end of their 3-year-

old year. He won three of four starts at 3 and earned \$73,260.

Lapidus and Dilodovico had success with Service for Ten right off the bat, running him in allowance company and garnering four wins in Maryland. In February 2013, Service for Ten ran third in the John B. Campbell Handicap at Laurel. His



Service for Ten, bred in Virginia by Sidney and Nellie Mae Cox, won his second stakes of the year in Laurel Park's Dave's Friend Nov. 16.



Ed and Pat Schuler's So Lonesome made it a double header for Virginia connected horses Nov. 16, scoring in the Virgo Libra Stakes at Aqueduct.



Sophomore filly Miss Mischief dominated the Pearl City Stakes at Aqueduct Nov. 20, her first stakes win for Dianne Manning.

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next start was in August, when he won the Vincent A. Moscarelli Memorial Stakes at Delaware followed by a game third in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash in September. His victory in the Dave's Friend came next.

Service for Ten will be the last in the line. After he was born, the Coxes bred Tenacious Cheryl to a warmblood stallion, but the mare had a difficult foaling and was not bred again.

"We did not think that she would be suitable for breeding again, so she is doing some three-day (eventing) stuff for a young girl in Hanover County," Cox said. "You just never know where the next good one is coming from."

In August, the Charlottesville-based Schulers celebrated their first Saratoga win with So Lonesome, a 2-year-old New York-bred son of Awesome Again. A few months later, they celebrated the gelding's first stakes win in the Virgo Libra.

The stakes represented a number of firsts for the \$55,000 Saratoga yearling purchase. So Lonesome stretched out to a mile and ran on the turf for the first time in the \$100,000 contest. After breaking his maiden over 6½ furlongs on the main track at Saratoga, So Lonesome ran second in allowance company at Belmont (6 furlongs on the dirt) and made his stakes debut over 7 furlongs in the Bertram F. Bongard in October, where he ran third.

Pat Schuler had her misgivings about trying So Lonesome on the turf in the Virgo Libra.

"(Trainer Tom Bush) had wanted to work him on the grass at Belmont and they shut down the grass track, and I said, 'Do you think we can still run him on the grass?' and he said, 'I think he can

do it,'" Schuler said. "I still had misgivings, but he did it."

Despite running rank early and getting a wide trip, So Lonesome whipped up from a posterior position in the field and nailed the victory by a head in the final strides. The final time was 1:39.08. So Lonesome came back looking barely tested.

Schuler laughed, "Tom said, 'He couldn't have blown out a match.' He was not the least bit tired."

Schuler credits the added distance to So Lonesome's stakes success.

"When I talked to Tom, he said, 'I think the horse can run on the grass, he can run on the Poly, he can run on the dirt—I think this horse can run on anything,'" Schuler said. "The whole thing with him is getting him to go longer."

So Lonesome will ship to Palm Meadows in Florida with Bush's string for the winter, where he will get a month or so off to rest and work through a growth spurt. Bush and the Schulers will evaluate the next steps in 2014.

"Tom told me he's extremely athletic and he's really excited about him," Schuler said. "When the trainer gets excited it makes you feel a little good."

Virginia-owned Miss Mischief galloped by 6 lengths in the Pearl City for 3-year-old fillies. The Manning colorbearer was making her first start for trainer Steve Asmussen.

"She's been doing everything right," said assistant trainer Toby Sheets. "I wasn't sure she would beat some of the horses in there, because there was a pretty dominant favorite, but we were very pleased with how she ran."

The daughter of Into Mischief ran once as a 2-year-old, a fourth



Hickory Tree Farm in Middleburg hosted an event in November to discuss the future of Virginia racing and breeding. Attendees included (from left) Wayne Chatfield-Taylor, Susie Chatfield-Taylor, Cheris Treptow, Mary Lea Treptow, Debbie Easter and Jim Treptow.

at Saratoga, before returning to break her maiden at Delaware Park last July. An allowance victory at Saratoga came next, before a fourth-place effort at Laurel prior to the 6-furlong Pearl City, her stakes debut.

"We put blinkers on her first time, changed a few things," Sheets said. "I was very happy—sometimes you think things and they don't happen, but I thought she would run well."

Miss Mischief sat directly behind the leaders early, came wide coming into the stretch, then made her decisive move once out of the turn. Prohibitive favorite Uno Duo finished third.

News and Notes

◆ The Virginia Racing Commission (VRC) has requested bids for the administration of the Breeders Fund and has received two bids, one from the Virginia Thoroughbred Association and

one from prior VTA executive director Glenn Petty.

◆ The VTA and Hickory Tree Farm hosted an event in November to discuss ideas to improve and promote the Thoroughbred industry in Virginia. The event was a resounding success with more than 70 guests attending.

◆ The VRC formed a Blue Ribbon Committee to help Virginia combat the disadvantage of not having alternative gaming to support purses. The Blue Ribbon Committee is comprised of D.G. Van Clief (chairman), Sarge Reynolds, Debbie Easter (VTA), Ian Stewart (Colonial Downs), Frank Petramalo (VHBPA), Dr. Al Griffin (Gold Cup Association), Dr. Dunavant (the Standardbred industry) and Bernard Hettel (VRC Executive Secretary).

The committee's purpose is to examine Virginia's racing and breeding industries and formulate a five-year plan to advance both. The committee will seek outside experts in the industry to advise and to help formulate the plan.

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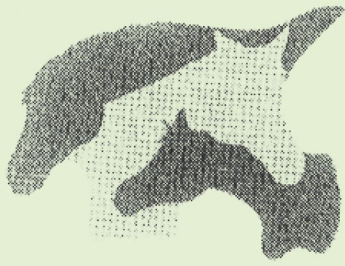
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West Virginia

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Newsletter

January 2014

Cold weather streaking!

by Jeff Gilleas

West Virginia is legendary for its "Country Roads" and on Nov. 30 another thoroughfare gained considerable recognition when **Amherst Street** remained undefeated (5-for-5) in his juvenile season for owner Phyllis Susini and trainer Javier Contreras. The son of Luftikus—Romantic Twist, by Wild Rush, continued his mastery over his arch-rival Comeonletsplay in the \$50,000-added West Virginia Futurity, worth \$42,420 to the winner. The two have met a total of four times with Comeonletsplay finishing a determined second each time, coming closest when three-quarters of a length back in the most recent effort.

Contreras is one of the most popular horsemen on the Charles Town backstretch and has an uncanny knack of getting his horses primed for a maximum effort and

keeping them in peak shape over a protracted period.

Originally from Mexico, Contreras credits his brother Julian with enticing him to come to the United States and entering the Thoroughbred business.

"I got the bug to come to the states when I was 13, and because of the climate initially decided to try Miami. I had galloped a lot at home, especially Quarter Horses on our many bush tracks, and was fortunate through my brother's contacts to meet and eventually gain employment for notable trainers T.J. Kelly and Stanley Hough.

"At that time the circuit was Hialeah in the winter and New York in the spring and summer months," continued Contreras. "In my early 20s I made the transition to Calder Race Course and applied for my trainer's license. The intense competition

there drove to me opt for Tampa Bay Downs as a possible solution to securing some clients. My path then took me from Tampa to Delaware with an occasional excursion to Maryland.

"It is there where my life would change forever when I met Phyllis Susini. I had stabled in the same barn at Bowie Training Center as her conditioner, and one day she approached me to train a couple of horses for her. Her immeasurable experience in the game and noteworthy success gave me immediate credibility.

"I have been with her since 1999 and Charles Town is where we have established our roots. I presently maintain a string of 20-25 horses with a good mix of claimers and upper echelon runners. Through Ms. Susini's insistence we have benefitted greatly by relying on buying and claiming West Virginia-bred horses."

Amherst Street, purchased privately from breeder James W. Casey, has reeled off wins in the Henry Mercer Memorial, West Virginia Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic, Tri-State Futurity and West Virginia Futurity and has earned \$195,316. Susini and Contreras also have in their stable Hidden Canyon,

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a son of Fiber Sonde purchased from owner/breeder John McKee. The multiple stakes winner has won of six of eight starts and \$134,855.

Javier is a huge fan of Luftikus and feels that, with his professional manner and exceptional balance, Amherst Street has the aptitude to keep getting better.

◆ Naomi Long's homebred **Red Hot Diva** began her career stylishly, sporting two wins and a second place finish in her first three races before hitting a wall last year spanning March thru July of her 3-year-old season. Mystifying was the word that best described the sudden fall from grace of this lanky daughter of Devon Deputy—Sweet Music, by Melodisk. The chestnut continued to train with a positive deportment but came up lacking when the authenticated money was on the line. Trainer Ollie Figgins III affirmed that his confidence remained unwavering, and once a few minimal issues were corrected the genuine Red Hot Diva would rematerialize.

On August 24, Figgins turned out to be Nostradamus as his filly let loose a late run suggestive of her earlier past performances while besting a formidable rival in Blisstikus. The 7-furlong clocking of 1:26.89 further validated that "Diva" was back on track and the sophomore filly division was still wide-open.

With the recipe for success complete, it was now time to move from the comforts of allowance company to stakes competition.

The Harry Buch Handicap was the connections' choice. Both owner and trainer had waited patiently to stretch out the long-legged filly whose father (runner-up in the Grade 2 San Luis Obispo and Grade 2 San Luis Rey Handicaps) had specialized in races up to 1½ miles. Red Hot Diva, handled by the Long's son-in-law, Matt McGowan, stalked a modest pace before decisively drawing away to a 4¼-length victory at the 1½-mile distance.

The next objective was the West Virginia Breeders Classic Distaff at 1½ miles. It fell comfortably into the pattern of keeping her races spaced approximately one month apart. No longer overlooked by the betting public, it was Red Hot Diva's moment to shine as the 6-5 favorite. It was hoped she would follow in the footsteps of her dam who also was victorious on a Breeders Classics program. Ironically, it was Matt McGowan who guided Sweet Music to her score in the 'Cavada' Stakes (2002) at huge odds of 54-1. With supreme assurance Red Hot Diva again mastered the distance and left many of her older adversaries gasping for air.

The filly's final race of the year was scheduled for Nov. 9, the \$50,000-added My Sister Pearl Stakes at 1½ miles. A highly-competitive field that included older mares assembled to try and halt Red Hot Diva's three-race win streak. Among the entrants were Fear the Facelift (recent winner of the "Cavada" Breeders Classic Stakes) and the

ever-dangerous Severn Shore, Margaret High and Queen'o'daball. The winning margin (a neck) may not have been overwhelming, but the outcome was the same. In victory Red Hot Diva stamped herself as a true up-and-comer and a filly deserving of some divisional consideration. She now goes home to the Longs' farm where she will get a well-deserved rest and enjoy the new paddock surroundings compliments of Naomi's husband, Warren.

NEWS AND NOTES

◆ Congratulations are in order to longtime West Virginia horsemen **Charles "Buck" Woodson Jr.** as he achieved the ultimate as a breeder—the juvenile colt he bred, Giovanni Boldini, ran second in the \$1,000,000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-G1. The son of War Front—Dancing Trieste, by Old Trieste, races for the powerful European ownership of Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith and is trained by Aidan O'Brien, but even his haughty connections can't deny the "WV" next to his name.

◆ **Mikimoto's Mojo**, among the state's leading freshman sires in 2013, remained perfect when getting his second winner from as many runners after his son Sterling Thunder won his debut Nov. 29. Nine-year-old Mikimoto's Mojo, a son of Hold That Tiger, stands at Maple Valley Farm in Shenandoah Junction.

Notes to members

◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, www.racing.wv.gov.

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◆ **Fall and winter hours:** The WVTBA office is located at 207 South Fairfax Blvd. in Ranson. It is between 5th Avenue and the Ranson Circle. Hours from Oct. 1 to March 31: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Bill Pape wins his first owner title

As hard as it is to believe, William L. Pape had never been the National Steeplechase Association's leading owner by purses. He had raced four champions individually or in partnership, including Racing Hall of Fame member Flatterer, but someone always had a few dollars more than him at season's end.

That changed in 2013 when Pape fielded two champions, including Lonesome Glory Champions Award winner Divine Fortune, and overtook three-time champion Irvin S. Naylor for the title.

With longtime trainer Jonathan Sheppard, Pape deployed a well-balanced team that also included the year's two top novices, Bluegrass Summer and Martini Brother, each of whom earned more than \$90,000.

Although Divine Fortune did not perform well at Saratoga Race Course, Pape had two victories, with Martini Brother taking the Jonathan Kiser Stakes on the first of six Steeplechase Thursdays, and Bluegrass Summer winning an optional allowance on the final day of steeplechase action in upstate New York.

The rich Far Hills meet on Oct. 19 put Pape over the top when Bluegrass Summer won a division of the \$75,000 Foxbrook Champion Hurdle and Divine Fortune was simply divine in the \$250,000 Grand National (Gr. 1).

Now eighth on the list of all-time leading earners, Divine Fortune began the season with a victory in the Sandhills Cup allowance hurdle at the Stoneybrook Steeplechase on April 6, and then finished second to Demonstrative in the \$150,000 Calvin Houghland Iroquois (Gr. 1) in Nashville on May 11.

The Royal Anthem gelding wound up the year with a fourth-place finish in the \$100,000 Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup (Gr. 1) after being pressed while setting the pace on Nov. 23. Divine Fortune earned \$207,000, well ahead of Gustavian's \$149,000.

In other divisions, Paddy Young saved the best for last, and so too did Jack Fisher.

The final day of the 2013 National Steeplechase Association season had arrived, and three-time champion jockey Paddy Young had closed to tie Darren Nagle for the top spot in the Na-



Far Hills Co-Chair Guy J. Torsilieri presented the Grand National trophy to Bill Pape after Divine Fortune's victory on Oct. 19. Between them is jockey Darren Nagle, and Anne Pape is at right.

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tional Steeplechase Association rider standings.

Going into the last hurdle race at the Colonial Cup on Nov. 23, it appeared that the jockey title was going to end in a draw for the first time in a decade after both riders had gone winless through five races.

Both had live mounts in the sixth. Riding The Fields Stable's Kingdom for trainer Tom Voss, Young pressed his mount to the lead in the Springdale Course's stretch and raised his whip past the finish line following a 1 3/4-length victory.

Nagle, who had led the jockey standings almost from the start, finished third aboard Bill Pape's Powerofone.

His 16th win of the year gave Young his fourth

jockey title by wins, the first to accomplish that feat since John Cushman in the early 1980s. Young also won his third title as leading jockey by purses, partly on the strength of a nose victory aboard Magalen O. Bryant's Gustavian in Belmont Park's \$150,000 Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1) on Sept. 19.

Young, whose 2012 season was compromised by a broken arm in his first hurdle mount of the year at the Carolina Cup, started slowly in the 2013 season, with only four wins through mid-May. But he had two wins at the Fair Hill Races and steadily gained ground on Nagle through the summer and fall.

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Chasing

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Jonathan Sheppard receives Clark Award

Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard was presented with the F. Ambrose Clark Award, American Steeplechasing's highest honor, in ceremonies at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, S.C., on Nov. 22.

In a large tent outside the museum, Sheppard accepted the award from National Steeplechase Association President Guy J. Torsilieri.

Named for a legendary steeplechase horseman of the early 20th century, the F. Ambrose Clark Award honors individuals who have contributed significantly to promote, improve, and encourage the growth of American Steeplechasing.

Opening the program was Austin A. Brown, the last prior Clark Award recipient in 2007. Sheppard was introduced by NSA Director Nick Ellis, who recounted Sheppard's many accomplishments, including more than 1,000 victories over fences and in excess of \$21-million in steeplechase purses.

But most notable, Ellis said, has been Sheppard's influence on the sport. He is a leading owner (fourth in 2013), and he and his owners have bred several top horses, including Flatterer and Divine Fortune. He served a term as president of the NSA, and he is always willing to help race meets promote their events.



NSA President Guy J. Torsilieri presented the F. Ambrose Clark Award to Jonathan Sheppard. NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION PHOTO

Paddy Young wins riding title in final hurdle race

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Riding for trainer Jack Fisher, he won Saratoga Race Course's \$100,000 A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Gr. 1) aboard Gil Johnston's Mr. Hot Stuff. His three wins at the Virginia Fall Races put him into contention, and he drew even with a double at the Charleston Cup on Nov. 10, the final meet before the face-off at the Colonial Cup in Camden, S.C.

The reigning champion trainer by wins, Jack Fisher trailed Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard by two wins going into the Colonial Cup, but the Maryland-based horseman arrived at Springdale primed to make a run for the title. He kicked off with Edith R. Dixon's Schoodic, a homebred three-year-old who had dominated Far Hills' Gladstone Stakes. Schoodic won the Raymond G. Woolfe Memorial with ease, and Fisher was only one race behind Sheppard, who had clinched the trainer title by earnings.

In the next race, Fisher won the Springdale open timber race with Sheila J. Williams' and Andre Brewster's Straight to It to gain a share of the 2013 trainer title.

He and Sheppard had dominated the 2013 Saratoga Race Course meet, with Fisher winning three consecutive races, including Mr. Hot Stuff's Smithwick and Arcadia Stable's Take

Her Tothe Top in the \$75,000 Mrs. Ogden Phipps Stakes for fillies and mares.

Sheppard won four races at the 2013 Saratoga meet. In addition to the wins by Martini Brother and Bluegrass Summer, he won the \$150,000 New York Turf Writers Cup Handicap (Gr. 1) with his resurgent Italian Wedding, and his Barnstorming stormed away to a dominant victory in the \$75,000 Michael G. Walsh Novice Stakes.

The Springdale win also gave Fisher a piece of the leading timber trainer title with William Meister, who also had five wins in 2013. Schoodic, undefeated over fences, was the year's champion three-year-old.

Far Hills also played a role in a fourth championship, the Life's Illusion Filly and Mare title.

Clarke Ohrstrom's Kissers N Run won the 2012 Peapack Stakes at Far Hills, but she had been winless in the year preceding this year's Peapack. To be sure, she was barely beaten in the \$50,000 Margaret Currey Henley, but she had shown little in Saratoga's two stakes races for fillies and mares.

She regained her best form in the Peapack on Oct. 19 and scored a half-length victory over Arcadia's Opera Heroine. She then took her game to Georgia for the Steeplechase at Callaway's \$50,000 Crown Royal Stakes.

Again ridden by Robbie Walsh, Kissers N Run drew clear to a 5 3/4-length score over Take Her Tothe Top. Trained by Richard Valentine, Kissers N Run earned \$95,400 to lock up the filly-and-mare championship.

Two late back-to-back victories also propelled Merriemfield Farm's Foyle to the 2013 timber championship. The longest price on the board for the \$50,000 International Gold Cup on Oct. 19, Foyle scored a three-quarter-length victory over Straight to It.

Trained by Bruce Fenwick, Foyle demonstrated his mettle when he fought off a stretch-long challenge in the \$35,000 Pennsylvania Hunt Cup on Nov. 3 and prevailed by a half-length over Fisher-trained Delta Park.

Although denied a fourth straight overall champion owner title, Irv Naylor easily won the timber owner championship with \$141,050 in earnings over timber fences.

His Alfa Beat won the Grand National on April 20, and his multiple Grade 1 hurdle winner Tax Ruling made a successful transition to timber with two victories.

James Slater was the year's champion timber jockey, and Kieran Norris, who rode Foyle to the timber championship, was the year's leading apprentice jockey. Mark Beecher, also active in the timber scene, was the top amateur jockey.

In Memoriam

PETER D. CARLINO

Philadelphia native Peter Domenic Carlino, the first president of Keystone Racing Association who helped form Keystone Race Track, which became Philadelphia Park, and later creator of Penn National Gaming Inc., died of heart disease Nov. 29. He was 92.

Mr. Carlino was a longtime Philadelphia businessman who started out as a florist, became an insurance agent—which resulted in the creation of Germantown Title Insurance Co., which he merged with Penn Title Insurance Co. after acquiring it in 1969—and later formed Centennial Mortgage Co. and the Centennial Bank. He was on the board of Graduate hospital and Guiffre medical center for several years and served as chairman of the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority under Mayor Frank Rizzo.

In the late 1960s, Mr. Carlino became involved with the Keystone Racing Association and was a minority partner to help finance and build the track. In 1971, he formed the Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, and when Penn National Race Course opened in 1972, Mountainview began running a race meet there. He purchased Penn National Race Course in 1981, and in 1994 created Penn National Gaming Inc. The Wyomissing, Pa.-based company now run by his son, Peter M. Carlino, is one of the nation's largest gaming companies, with 26 operations across the country, including Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races in West Virginia, Beulah Park in Ohio and Zia Park Racetrack & Casino in New Mexico.

WILLIAM R. HARRIS

Prominent breeder/owner William R. Harris, who owned a farm in Virginia but routinely foaled his mares in Maryland, died at 84 at his home in Gum Spring, Va., Nov. 8.

Harris and his wife of 66 years, Jean, who survives him, bred to race, starting with one broodmare in 1961. Mr. Harris campaigned numerous stakes horses over the decades, among the best the multiple stakes-winning third-generation homebred half-siblings Sweet Goodbye (\$692,772), Five Steps (\$413,746), Deer Run (\$408,530) and Norstep (\$229,845). Their granddam was the Harris-bred Amanti, a four-time stakes winner of \$306,981 who placed in 15 additional stakes.

The broodmare band was large (upwards of 30 mares at times), and through the decades, Mr. Harris boarded mares at Sunset Hill, Polinger and Shamrock Farms, and in recent years, Murmur Farm. The Harris family were the leading Maryland-bred Fund award winners in 1983, the last time an out-of-state breeder topped the list.

"He was always the biggest client in the barn," trainer Chris Grove told the Maryland Jockey Club's media department. "In our heyday he owned 22 or 23 horses in our 50-stall barn at Bowie, so he got a lot of my attention. We talked on the phone just about every other day. I worked for him since 2000 but only saw him six or seven times but we talked on the phone religiously."

Mr. Harris had a handful of trainers, including a nearly 40-year association with the Bailes family, which began with Meredith "Mert" Bailes in 1961. "Mert and his father (Bob) sold me the second horse I ever owned," recalled Mr. Harris in a 1989 interview in *Maryland Horse*, noting that the gelding won first time out. Mr. Harris often kept horses who were closely related with the same trainer. Among the lines trained by the Bailes was the offspring of Misty Pass, the dam of 14 winners from 15 foals, including \$304,925-earner and stakes winner Misty Ivor.

The Grove-trained Deer Run finished second in the 2002 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G1. Sassy Hound, a horse bred by Harris, finished third in that same race.

Sweet Goodbye, also trained by Grove, won eight stakes during her 23-race career, with her biggest victory in the 2010 Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G2 at Laurel Park. Five Steps won three stakes and placed twice in the Maryland Million Classic.

Mr. Harris was president of Harris Heating and Plumbing Co. Inc., a Hanover, Va.-based mechanical contracting firm, and was a residential developer and builder in central Virginia. He also served on the board of directors of F&M National Corp., now BB&T Corp., and was a founding director of Peoples Bank of Virginia.

CAROL THOMPSON

Carol Hofmann Thompson, one of New Jersey's most accomplished horsewomen, died Dec. 5 due to complications from a stroke. Wife of leading New Jersey trainer J. Willard Thompson, the Colts Neck Township resident was 70.

A member of the U.S. Equestrian Team in the 1960s and early 1970s, she was an

alternate for the 1968 Olympics, the same year she was named American Horse Shows Association's Horsewoman of the Year.

Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of Mary and Philip Hofmann—her father would later become chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson & Johnson and as a Thoroughbred breeder counted champion sprinter Gold Beauty among those he bred. Mrs. Thompson grew up in North Branch, N.J., where her passion for riding blossomed. She was an A-rated Pony Clubber, foxhunted, competed in point-to-points and showed hunters and jumpers—among her accomplishments was winning the U.S. Equestrian Team Combined Test (now known as the Show Jumping Talent Search Program), in which riders competed in dressage at New York's Squadron A Armory, followed by show jumping at Madison Square Garden. She was later inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame.

After her marriage to Thompson, whom she met in Aiken, S.C., in 1968, the couple operated Quiet Winter Farm in Colts Neck. In addition to having a breeding farm, Mrs. Thompson was a trainer and mentor for young riders.

Her stepson, trainer Glenn Thompson, announced that a celebration of Mrs. Thompson's life will be held this spring in New Jersey.

OTHER OBITUARIES

Former Maryland-based trainer **Marvin Kuhn**, 82, died Dec. 11 in Wyoming. Mr. Kuhn competed primarily at the Maryland tracks and Delaware Park and retired in 2007, winning 494 races with \$3.6 million in earnings. While he sent out a number of stakes winners, his most memorable runner was local legend Port Conway Lane, whom he claimed several times during the gelding's 13-year career and was the 52-time winner's final trainer.

Louis C. Linder, longtime Philadelphia Park trainer and father of current Parx Racing conditioner Louis Linder Jr., died Dec. 4 at 85. A stakes-placed trainer, Mr. Linder sent out the winners of 297 races from 1970 to 2009.

Former jockey and Parx Racing exercise rider **Frank T. Bryan III**, 57, died Oct. 18. He rode competitively from 1982 to 1997.

Anita "Nikki" Yager, 55, wife of former trainer and jockey agent Gary Yager, died Oct. 22. The Bristol, Pa., resident worked for a number of years in the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association office at Parx.

Getting Social



TWEETS OF THE MONTH

My horses have more expensive designer shoes than I do!

– Groom/attorney Tiffany Webb
@tl_webb

You know you are in high cotton when you have a horse good enough to justify having hats made!
#livingthedream

– Trainer Phil Schoenthal
@PhilSchoenthal

WE'RE NOT WORTHY
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– Fan Jarrod Myrick
@jarrodmyrick,
after Ben's Cat won at Penn National

I don't think it's a coincidence that Frank (Stronach) comes out against raceday meds after last night's Sound of Music Live. I got warm fuzzies too.

– Racing blogger Pullthepocket
@pullthepocket

Great news! Our favorite horse @muchomachoman will be back in 2014 to defend 2013 @BreedersCup title!

Village People *@villagepeople*
(Yes, THOSE Village People, of "Macho Man" song fame.)

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STUFF WE LIKE



We asked fans to vote for their favorite Post Time photo of 2013. February's snowy scene from Fair Hill by Kathee Rengert, "Winter Wonderland" won in a photo (naturally) finish.

SMALL TALK: RACING RESOLUTIONS 2014

We asked racing people for New Year's Resolutions via Twitter and Facebook, and got a few.

Get to a sale or two. #fingerscrossed

– Writer Dan Tordjman *@DanonymousMan*

Have @DanonymousMan buy me horses when he goes to sales he resolves to attend!

– Writer Frank Vespe *@TheRacingBiz*

I resolve to meet more horses, and more deadlines.

– Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred editor Joe Clancy *@joeclancy65*

Always same: "Be well, do good work, and keep in touch."

– Writer Tom Law *@SaratogaTL*, quoting Garrison Keillor

My hope for 2014 is to hit the all-stakes P4 on Preakness day.

– Writer Linda Dougherty *@PaThoroughbred*

Be skeptical – in a healthy manner.

– Writer Tom LaMarra *@JerseyTom*

To lead a movement back to horsemanship for the horse's sake.

– Trainer Rae Fernandez, who wrote a book, *Drug Free Racing in America*, to help the movement

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Looking Back

10 years ago

■ West Virginia-bred A Huevo captured the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G1, the headliner on a Laurel card that included the Grade 3 Laurel Futurity and four other stakes. Tapit scored easily in the Futurity. Both runners were ridden by Ramon Dominguez, and both were trained by Michael Dickinson.

The 7-year-old A Huevo had been away from the races for four years and, after only two starts that summer, was sent out for the De Francis Dash. The Mark Hopkins colorbearer rallied from last of 10 to win in 1:08.90.

Winchill Thoroughbreds' Tapit was making just his second start in the Laurel Futurity, and overcame a rough trip to win by $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. "He's got a lot of character. He's Dennis the Menace," said Dickinson. "All we can say is he's promising."

■ Russian Rhythm was voted Europe's champion 3-year-old filly. The daughter of Kingmambo and Balistroida was bred in Pennsylvania by Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable, which sold her for \$370,000 as a weanling at the Keeneland November sale. Racing for Cheveley Park Stud, she won the One Thousand Guineas-G1 at Newmarket, two additional Group 1 races, and became a millionaire her championship season.

■ The 1996 Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Louis Quatorze was purchased by Allen and Audrey Murray and moved to their Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md. The 11-year-old stallion previously stood at Ashford and also shuttled to Argentina. Among his stakes winners was millionaire Repent.

■ "Sky's the limit for PA Nursery winner Smarty



Tapit gets a good look at the camera while winning the 2003 Laurel Futurity as part of a graded stakes double for trainer Michael Dickinson.

Jones" was the headline in the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association newsletter. Roy and Pat Chapman of New Hope, Pa., bred and owned the colt, a winner of Philadelphia Park's Nursery by 15 lengths in November after taking his debut with equal ease two weeks earlier.

"Obviously loaded with speed. . . The question now looms—Can he go a distance?," pondered the writer. "Or, more specifically, will he be up to the challenge of the mile and a quarter Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May?" Trained by John Servis, Smarty Jones was part of the legacy of the Chapmans' late trainer Bob Camac, who purchased the colt's dam as a yearling for the couple in 1993.

"Bob not only picked out the mare, but he selected Elusive Quality for the mating that produced Smarty," said Pat Chapman. "We only wish he could be here to see this colt."

■ Governor Ed Rendell, self-described as "a great supporter of horse racing," reflected on Pennsylvania's racing industry and what expanded gaming would do for the industry as well as the state.

"... I'm a fan of racing myself. I'm not a big bettor,

but I love the beauty of the sport, and the animals. . . It's a beautiful and wonderful sport, and the horse farms within this state just stun you with their beauty and natural surroundings," said the governor.

25 years ago

■ The dispersal of Ryehill Farm's breeding stock, weanlings and the stakes-winning Homebuilder—a total of 80 horses and seven stallion shares—yielded \$10,069,400, an average of \$115,740. Homebuilder's dam Smart Heiress (in foal to Nijinsky II) topped the dispersal at \$1.65 million, with Robert Smith, owner of Upperville, Va.-based Heronwood Farm, making the purchase.



Owner/breeder Jim Ryan was flanked by his wife Linda and son Peter at the Ryehill dispersal at Keeneland 25 years ago.

Homebuilder went for \$1.6 million.

■ Jim Watriss, a well-traveled horseman whose adventurous life included being a commercial test pilot, a Navy flight instructor, an aviation consultant for the CIA, and a pioneer in air transportation for horses, bred horses on a small scale for decades. The Marylander revealed one regret—that he foaled his mare Blaheen in Kentucky one year, instead of at his farm in Butler. Her foal was 1988 Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 winner Great Communicator.

"By all rights, he should have been a Maryland-bred, because over the years almost all of my mares have foaled here," said Watriss. "But in 1983 my farm manager had a stroke, and I didn't have any help on the farm—so I boarded Blaheen in Kentucky that spring."

Watriss' connection with Great Communicator's family traced back 40 years, through an association with his late friend, George Pope. Watriss made a practice of keeping fillies and selling colts, and always planned to sell Great Communicator as a yearling. He got \$42,000 for the son of Key to the Kingdom (who went on to earn \$2,922,615). "I never think about what might have happened if I had kept him," said the breeder. "In other hands, he might not have been the same horse. . ."

■ The compelling story of Rodney Rash was told by Jay Hovdey. A Maryland boy raised on a dairy farm in Carroll County, he left home to work on a Thoroughbred farm at 13 to break yearlings, sales prep and exercise racehorses. Rash earned his high school diploma at 15 through an accelerated program and at 16 moved on his own from Maryland to California with \$300 in his pocket. Less than seven years later, Rash was Hall of Fame trainer Charlie Whittingham's assistant.

"He's a natural horseman, all right," said Whittingham. "He wanted to be a rider when he came around, but exercise riders are a dime a dozen. I told him if he wanted to be a trainer someday, he should stay in the stalls and learn these horses from the ground up."

"I'll be forever grateful to Charlie for giving me the opportunity," said Rash. "He's given me every opportunity to excel at what I feel is a God-given gift. Not too many people get that kind of chance."

Rash went out on his own in April 1991 and had a successful stakes-winning stable in California until his sudden and unexpected death of a rare blood disorder at age 36. His 33-horse stable was taken over by assistant Ben Cecil.

50 years ago

■ "Peter Fuller—a Breeder With Punch" described the former amateur boxer, Harvard graduate and Cadillac dealer from Boston who won the Jennings Handicap with Half Breed, whom he claimed as a 3-year-old maiden for \$9,500. The Polynesian gelding had earnings of \$134,012 following the Jennings, and was named the Maryland Horse Breeders Association's champion older horse of 1963.

"Fuller likes to wheel and deal, like an auto man should," wrote Joe Hickey. "He has come up with some lemons, as everyone in the business long



Peter Fuller (second from left) with beaming Peter Fuller Jr., receives the trophy from Henry Clark (right), following Half Breed's triumph in Pimlico's Jennings Handicap in 1963. Trainer C.C. Herverly (left) and jockey Wayne Chambers joined the ceremony.



Marion duPont Scott's Battleship returned from England to parade at Fair Hill after winning the Grand National at Aintree in 1938.

enough must, but in addition to Hillsborough (an earner of \$180,742), there have been Pan Dancer, Lucky Uncle and Half Breed."

While the majority of his mares were kept in New Hampshire, Fuller was participating in the Maryland program. Among his four mares in the state was Noors Image, who was at Sagamore waiting to be bred to Native Dancer.

The result of the breeding of Noors Dancer to Native Dancer in 1964 was the gray Maryland-bred colt Dancer's Image, a seven-time stakes winner who remains the only horse to be disqualified after winning the Kentucky Derby.

■ The Maryland stallion roster for 1964 boasted the largest number to ever stand in the state, as 143 "were available for duty."

Noted *The Maryland Horse* in the form of an admonition: "Think twice before you pick a stallion. Think in terms of quality rather than bargain fees. Remember that even an expensive stud fee is a bargain, if you come up with a runner." But the editor admitted a stud fee doesn't necessarily indicate quality: "All of us remember when Rough'n Tumble went begging in Maryland at a \$250 live foal fee."

■ Mrs. Lucien Laurin's champion 2-year-old Repeating was chosen as Maryland-bred Horse of the Year. The stakes-winning son of Double Jay was bred by Peter Jay and competitive against the best of his generation, including Northern Dancer, Quadrangle and Roman Brother.

75 years ago

■ Headed by Maryland-bred Challedon, 114 horses were made eligible to the 1939 Preakness Stakes. Challedon, winner of three Futurities that fall—the Maryland, New England and Pimlico—was considered a strong contender. "Son of imported Challenger II, by Swynford, and out of Laura Gal, a *Sir Gallahad III mare, Challedon should find the Preakness route of a mile and three-sixteenths right down his alley," wrote *The Maryland Horse*. "That he runs well over the local course is indicated by his smashing triumph in the Pimlico Futurity this fall."

■ Battleship was named Horse of the Year by *Horse & Horseman*, following his victory in the 1938 Grand National at Aintree. The son of Man o' War had been retired to stud at his owner Marion duPont Scott's Montpelier in Virginia.

It was also announced that William duPont Jr. would receive the publication's Golden Spurs, awarded annually to America's outstanding horseman. He was "honored as being an outstanding breeder of horses; author of the Delaware racing law and operator of a model track, Delaware Park; champion of distance racing, higher purses for fillies and racing over turf . . . as designer of the ideal steeplechase jump and the operator of the best steeplechasing course in the U.S. at Fair Hill, Md.; as master of an outstanding pack of hounds . . . as a modest and retiring sportsman."

■ Among the stallions standing in the region were: Discovery (Sagamore, Glyndon, Md.), *Sun Briar and Sun Beau (Court Manor, New Market, Va.), Ladkin (Country Life, Bel Air, Md.), High Quest (Brookmeade, Upperville, Va.) and *Challenger II (Glade Valley, Frederick, Md.).

CALENDAR

MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

Atlantic City

4501 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, N.J. 08330. (609) 641-2190; fax (609) 645-8309. Racing dates: April 24 to April 30.

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P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001. Racing Secretary: Charles McIntosh. Racing dates: Jan. 2 to Dec. 27; www.ctownraces.com.

Laurel Park

P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400, (410) 792-7775; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to March 29; www.marylandracing.com.

Monmouth Park

175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J. 07757. (732) 222-5100; fax (732) 571-8658. Racing Secretary: Michael Dempsey. Racing dates: May 10 to Sept. 28; www.monmouthpark.com.

Parx Racing

P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: Sal Sinatra. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31; www.parxracing.com.

Penn National

P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028. (717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238. Racing Secretary: David Bailey. Racing dates: Jan. 2 to Dec. 27; www.pennnational.com.

Pimlico Race Course

5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: April 3 to June 7; www.marylandracing.com.

Presque Isle Downs

8199 Perry Highway, Erie, Pa. 16509. (866) 374-3386; pidracing@pidowns.com. Racing Secretary: Tracie Smith. Racing dates: May 11 to Sept. 25; www.pidowns.com.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Jan. 1 to April 26

Delta Downs—Oct. 11 to March 15

Fair Grounds—Nov. 22 to March 20

Golden Gate Fields—Dec. 26 to June 15

Gulfstream Park—Nov. 30 to June 29

Keeneland—April 4 to April 25

Mountaineer—March 1 to Dec. 20

Oaklawn Park—Jan. 10 to April 12

Sam Houston—Jan. 17 to March 11

Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to April 20

Sunland Park—Dec. 6 to April 15

Tampa Bay Downs—Dec. 4 to May 4

Turf Paradise—Oct. 5 to May 6

Turfway Park—Dec. 1 to March 30

Woodbine—April 12 to Dec. 7

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Midatlantic, Timonium Sales Pavilion, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 19, 20.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

January Horses of All Ages, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. Jan. 6-9.

Winter Mixed, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Jan. 22, 23.

Kentucky Winter Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Feb. 10.

Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. March 10, 11.

The Florida Sale, Selected Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Florida, Adena Springs South, Williston, Fla. (859) 255-1555. March 24.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

North Carolina Thoroughbred Association Awards dinner, Bennett Bunn Plantation, Zebulon, N.C. (910) 352-5649. Feb. 22.

SEMINARS

Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture Series, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free. (610) 925-6500; belb@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/penn-vet-events-calendar. *Ultrasound Examination of Fetal Well-Being in Late Pregnancy: Is My Foal at Risk?*, Jan. 7; *Leaping from Bench to Stall, Cage or Bedside*, Feb. 4; *What's Your Diagnosis? Neurologic Disease in the Horse*, March 4.

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, "Tuesday Talks," Leesburg, Va. (703) 771-6843; www.vetmed.vt.edu/emc/news/events.asp; e-mail: spearl@vt.edu. *Diagnosis and Treatment of Lower Airway Conditions: Lower airway infections and how to treat them effectively*, Jan. 7; *Tendons, Ligaments & Imaging: Advances in diagnosis and treatment of tendon and ligament injuries*, Feb. 11; *Sports Medicine & Lameness*, March 11; *Advances in Holistic Equine Medicine: Ways to complement traditional medicine for your horse's complete well-being*, April 8. Pre-registration required.

EVENTS

Horse World Expo, (301) 916-0852, e-mail: info@horseworldexpo.com; www.horseworldexpo.com. **Timonium Fairgrounds**, Timonium, Md. Jan. 17-19, 2014; **Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex**, Harrisburg, Pa. Feb. 24-March 2, 2014.

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Maryland Million Stallion Nominations Deadline

JANUARY 31, 2014

MARYLAND MILLION NOMINATIONS – STALLIONS FOR 2014

Only stallions standing the upcoming breeding season in Maryland are eligible to be nominated to this program. The total nomination fee as reported on this form should equal the advertised stud fee or, if not advertised, the prevailing fee paid by third parties. Under no circumstances shall the nomination fee be less than \$500 or greater than \$20,000, regardless of stud fee. Read carefully all terms and conditions on the back of this form before nominating any stallion.

Stallion name:

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PAYMENT OPTION 1: Pay full stud fee less 10% discount

Due 1/31/14:

PAYMENT OPTION 2: Full fee in two payments

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*Balances not paid by July 31 will be subject to a ten (10) percent late charge.

Stallion Ownership Record

Tax Identification Number (TIN) used on this stallion:

☐ S.S.#

or

☐ I.D.#

Exact name of the person or business on record with Internal Revenue Service/Social Security Administration for this TIN:

Maryland farm name where stallion will stand:

Nominator Record

Check one: ☐ Owner ☐ Syndicate manager ☐ Authorized

Name of individual signing this form last year

Address

Phone

E-mail

Signature (This form must be signed for awards to be paid)

Payment method: ☐ Payment enclosed or

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD Exp. date ____/____/____ Card no. _____

Photocopies of this form may be used for additional stallions. However, the nominator agrees, by signing, to accept the terms and conditions printed on the back of the original version. If no terms and conditions are printed on the back of this form, the nominator is advised to contact the Maryland Million office for a copy of such terms and conditions before signing the front.

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ACROSTIC

Created by Vinnie Perrone

Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, here's something new. Try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. **NOTE:** The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES

WORDS

A. Clue G jockey: 2 wds.

130 41 154 59 9 79 115 25 69 102 142

B. Resting off track: 3 wds.

12 32 77 145 61 119 46 101 162

C. Foxhunting principals

88 152 13 24 106 42

D. Meanest

18 123 70 135 97 57 6 82

E. Sire

127 51 157 71 105 39

F. Thought

17 67 80 131

G. Only unbeaten Triple Crown champ: 2 wds.

138 83 164 65 109 2 100 40 124 26 11

H. Karloff's film genre

43 161 29 118 55 150

I. Not persevered with

93 48 74 113 163

J. Inside rally: 2 wds.

129 86 146 14 107 58 33

K. Quiver contents

95 160 68 38 3 81

L. Hall of Fame MD-bred female sprinter: 2 wds.

96 4 144 66 155 52 85 20 116 34

M. Racehorse escort postward

143 31 104 56 120 15 168 112

N. One just married

167 63 136 22 126 50 149 84

O. Wet-track shoe options

53 99 75 132 10 117 62 147

P. PA-bred KY Oaks and Alabama winner: 3 wds.

148 27 134 92 121 36 103 47 111 159

64 5 16 54 73 141

Q. Hilo hello

89 125 23 35 137

R. Unauthorized passenger, at times

151 87 30 45 140 72 1 165

S. Monmouth Grade 3 juvenile stakes

114 28 139 49 156 98 19

T. Bucked shin or fractured sesamoid

122 76 7 108 90 158

U. The Derby Prospective won in 2012

128 37 91 166

V. Home to Tattersalls and the 1,000 Guineas

153 78 94 110 8 21 133 44 60

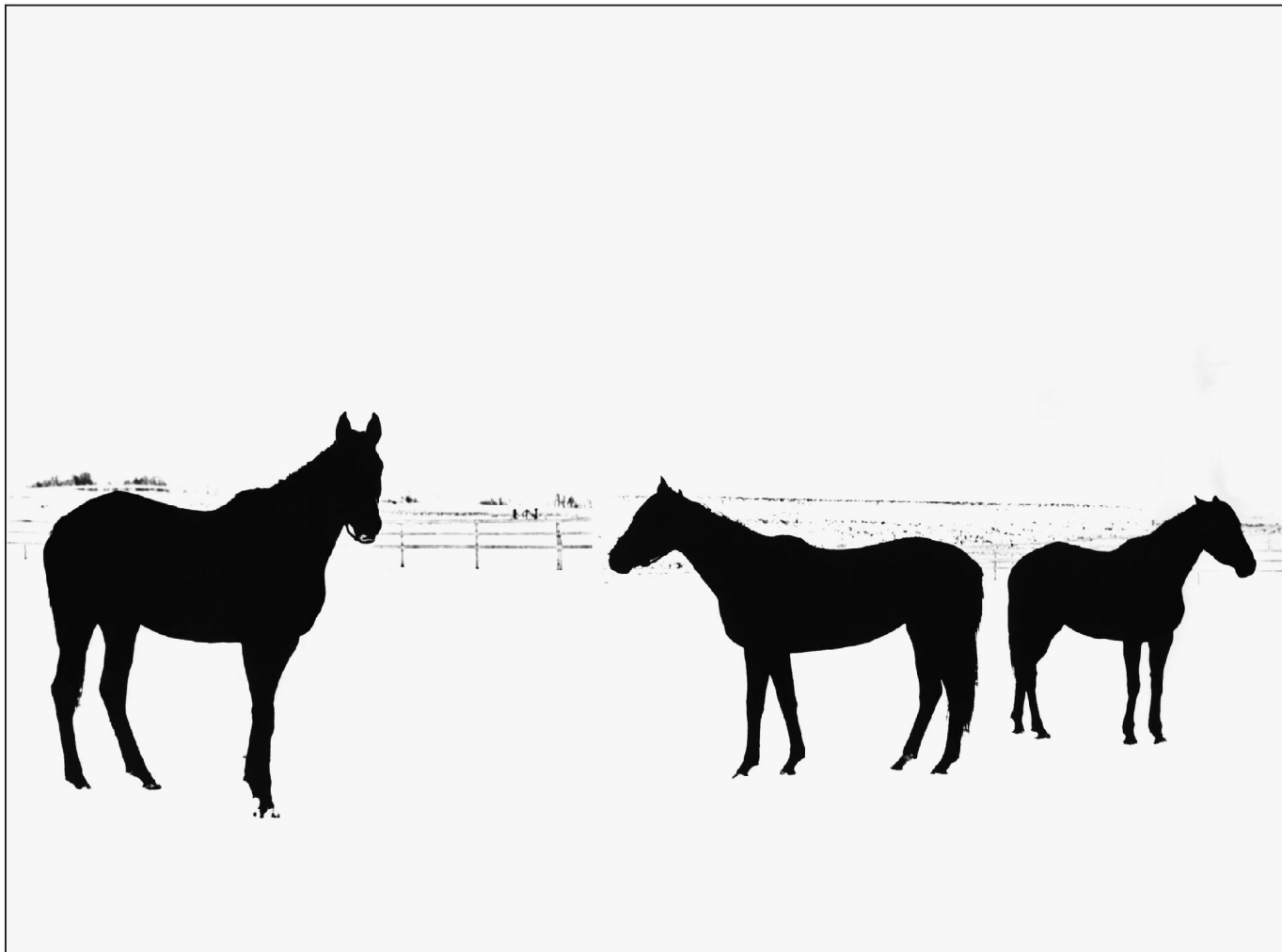
1 R	2 G	3 K	4 L	5 P	6 D		7 T	8 V	9 A
10 O		11 G	12 B	13 C	14 J	15 M		16 P	17 F
18 D	19 S	20 L	21 V		22 N	23 Q	24 C	25 A	26 G
27 P		28 S	29 H	30 R	31 M	32 B	33 J		34 L
35 Q	36 P		37 U	38 K	39 E	40 G	41 A	42 C	
43 H	44 V		45 R	46 B	47 P		48 I	49 S	50 N
51 E	52 L	53 O		54 P	55 H	56 M	57 D		58 J
59 A	60 V	61 B	62 O	63 N	64 P	65 G	66 L	67 F	
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94 V	95 K	96 L		97 D	98 S	99 O	100 G	101 B	102 A
103 P	104 M	105 E	106 C		107 J	108 T	109 G		110 V
111 P	112 M	113 I		114 S	115 A	116 L	117 O	118 H	119 B
120 M	121 P	122 T	123 D	124 G	125 Q	126 N		127 E	128 U
129 J		130 A	131 F	132 O	133 V		134 P	135 D	
136 N	137 Q	138 G		139 S	140 R	141 P	142 A		143 M
144 L		145 B	146 J	147 O		148 P	149 N	150 H	151 R
152 C	153 V	154 A	155 L	156 S	157 E	158 T		159 P	160 K
161 H	162 B		163 I	164 G	165 R		166 U	167 N	168 M

LAST MONTH'S SOLVED PUZZLE

CAROL HOLDEN: A BET PAYS OFF. WHEN WE ROLLED OUT THE BREEDERS CLASSICS THAT FIRST TIME, WE HAD NO MONEY AT ALL. THE RACETRACK AT THE TIME ACTUALLY LOANED US TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS THAT WE HAD TO PAY BACK WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE RACES.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| A. Charles Town | I. Draws | P. Pacesetter |
| B. Audley | J. Earthy | Q. Alimony |
| C. Rawboned | K. Neil Howard | R. Yea |
| D. Outside | L. Athletic | S. Saddletree |
| E. Loath | M. Backstretch | T. Oak Tree |
| F. Huntsman | N. Ethan | U. Fittest |
| G. On the muscle | O. Thaw | V. Fiat |
| H. Lasted | | |

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Snow Day 1961. Looking a lot like 2014, horses take a break in the snow at a Carroll County, Md. farm. Bodine obtained the silhouette effect simply by using high-contrast film which eliminated all intermediate tones—the snow itself having already eliminated many objects that would have complicated an orthodox picture.

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